
City Council

Motion without Notice

MM46.8	ACTION			Ward: All
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Consultation on Cell Towers - by Councillor Moscoe, seconded by Councillor De Baeremaeker

- * Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.*
- * This Motion is subject to referral to the Planning and Growth Management Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*
- * This Motion has been deemed urgent.*

Recommendations

Councillor Moscoe, seconded by Councillor De Baeremaeker, recommends that:

1. City Council amend the Telecommunications Tower protocol for notification as it pertains to the location of telecommunication towers and antennae so that the notification area is measured from the property line of the property on which the tower is being located.

Summary

When an application for Committee of Adjustment is submitted, notification is required within 50 metres. Similarly, a planning application requires 300 metres. All these distances are measured from the property line. Council established a protocol that requires public consultation on cell towers located within 120 metres of a neighbourhood or a centre.

The Planning Division has put a strange interpretation on the distance separation. They use 120 metres from the lease area of the base of the tower rather than from the property line. It is my submission that the notification ought to be from the property line itself.

There are a number of tower applications waiting to be processed, and it is important that if Council supports this principle, it could be in place as quickly as possible to deal with these applications.

(Submitted to City Council on February 22 and 23, 2010 as MM46.8)