

Clerk - My comments for 2013. PG29.8 on December 16, 2013 City Council

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City Clerk

Please add my comments to the agenda for the December 16, 2013 City Council meeting on item 2013.PG29.8, Review of City Protocol for Telecommunications Towers Under 15 Metres in Height - Supplementary Report

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Comments:

December 15, 2013

Dear Toronto Council,

RE: Review of City Protocol for Telecommunication Towers under 15m

As concerned and informed citizens, we support the Planning report and Planning and Growth Management Committee's recommendations, including ensuring that all cell towers below 15m in height be required to submit a Telecommunication Tower Review application, as well as go through a City and public consultation process.

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