
Open House Rules of Engagement

1. This is a safe space for all. Please be respectful of all Presenters, Staff, and Members of the Public. For everyone's safety, inappropriate or aggressive behavior will not be tolerated.
2. Inappropriate or aggressive behaviour will not be tolerated
3. Please allow one person to speak at a time.
4. Please mute your electronic devices.



City of Pickering: Cell Tower Protocol

City Development Department

Adopted by City Council on
September 15, 2014

—City of—
PICKERING

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Federal Jurisdiction

- Telecommunication towers are regulated by Federal Legislation under the *Federal Radiocommunication Act* and administered by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISED), formerly known as Industry Canada.
- Provincial legislation such as the *Planning Act*, including zoning by-laws, does not apply to these towers.
- ISED requires applicants to address comments and concerns from the City and residents through the City's public consultation process.
- In the case of a dispute between the applicant and the City of Pickering, a final decision on a proposed tower is made by ISED.

Federal Legislation

- ISED's Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems Client Procedures Circular CPC-2-0-03
- ISED's Conditions of Licence for Mandatory Roaming and Antenna Tower and Site Sharing and to Prohibit Exclusive Site Arrangements
- Health Canada's Safety Code 6 - Limits of Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields (RM EMF) is in the range from 3 kHz to 300 GHz
- National Building Code of Canada
- Canadian *Environmental Assessment Act*
- Transport Canada's painting and lighting requirements for aeronautical safety

Role of City of Pickering

The role of the City of Pickering as the Land Use Authority is to:

- Communicate to applicants the planning priorities and other characteristics of the municipality that are relevant to the cell tower proposal.
- Advise the applicant on the public consultation requirements outlined in the Cell Tower Protocol.
- City Council to provide formal comments on a cell tower proposal to ISED.

Location and Design

Co-location

- The applicant must explore options for sharing, modifying or replacing an existing cell tower; or
- consider using existing infrastructure in the area, including, rooftops, water towers, utility poles or light standards.

Preferred Locations

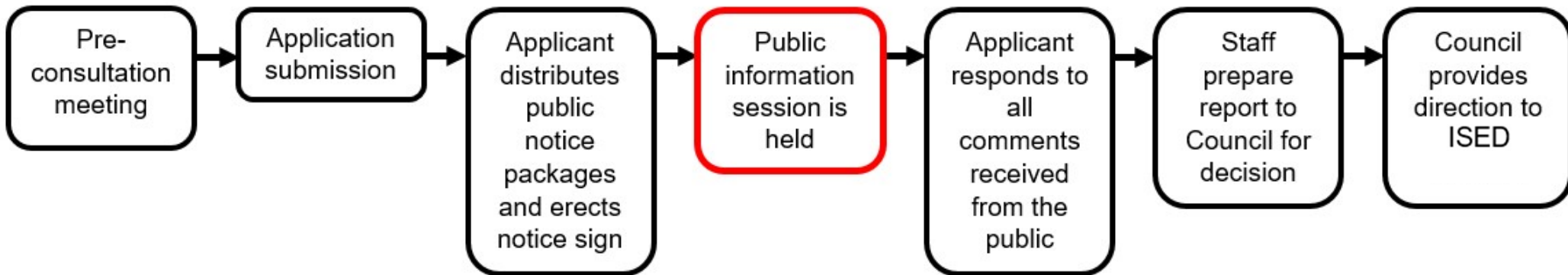
- Select sites for towers that are within industrial, commercial, or nonresidential areas;
- provide new towers with co-location capabilities; and
- consider the use of City owned lands, where feasible and acceptable to the City.

Location and Design

Design Criteria

- Accommodate for future co-location of additional carriers.
- Stealth techniques, such as flagpoles, clock towers, trees, or light poles, should be considered and used where appropriate and in harmony with the context of the surrounding area.
- Monopole towers with antennas shrouded or flush mounted are preferred, particularly when the tower is proposed in or near residential areas.
- Equipment shelters should be designed and landscaped in a manner that is compatible and sensitive to the surrounding area.

Application Process



- The applicant is required to respond to all verbal and written comments received from the public.

Comments Received to Date

The City has received over 30 phone calls and emails from residents.

Major Concerns Raised To Date:

- Concerns with **health and safety**.
- Concerns with **proposed location of the tower near a school and residential areas**.
- Concerns with **potential loss in property value**.
- Concerns with **the tower creating a negative visual aesthetic**.

Next Steps

- The applicant is required to:
 - address and respond to all verbal and written comments received from the public;
 - explore opportunities to locate the proposed tower at other sites in the neighborhood; and
 - explore design considerations for the tower.
- Residents will be notified when this proposal is brought forward to Planning & Development Committee meeting and subsequently to Council for a decision. Residents may also voice their concerns at these meetings.
- Council will inform ISED whether the City recommends the tower be approved or refused and ISED will make the final decision on the application.