

June 8, 2009



**CITY COUNCIL
PLANNING REPORT**

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL

FR: Jeff Port, City Planner

RE: Amendment to City of Kenora Communications Tower Policy

Introduction

In October of 2003, the City of Kenora adopted a policy to ensure public consultation by proponents of commercial communications towers within the City of Kenora. The policy has been an excellent tool to ensure that the public is aware when a communications tower is proposed.

Planning staff recently met with the regional coordinator for communications towers issues, from Industry Canada. That agency has high praise for the City's policy, however has made a suggestion to add two sections of the Industry Canada procedure policy. The addition of these two sections addresses exclusions to the Industry Canada requirements, as well as the general requirements. Any proponents excluded from the requirement to consult with the public must still fulfill the general requirements.

The addition of these two sections will bring the City's policy into alignment with the requirements of Industry Canada.

BUDGET: N/A

COMMUNICATION PLAN/Notice By-law Requirements:

Notice by-law

Recommendation:

THAT the City of Kenora hereby amends Tower Policy PP1-1 to include sections on "Exclusions", and "General Requirements" of the Industry Canada CPC-2-0-03 - Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems.