

Save the Date: Community Information Meeting on November 19, 2020.

You're invited to learn more about Bell's proposed telecommunications tower. Our experts will be on hand to answer your questions and provide feedback on any concerns.

If you have specific questions about the proposed plans to upgrade the wireless network in your community and you are not able to attend this neighbourhood meeting, you can email your Bell representative, Maria Wood at consultation@canacre.com by **December 14th, 2020**.

For additional information about antenna systems, you can visit the government of Canada at www.ic.gc/towers or you can contact:

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Important Information Enclosed

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You are receiving this notice because you are a landowner within 1000 metres of the proposed telecommunications tower.



Notice of Public Consultation

You're receiving this notice because you own property within 1000 metres of the proposed telecommunications tower.

Inside you will find information on the proposed tower, as well as an invitation to share any questions and comments on this proposal.

You're Invited

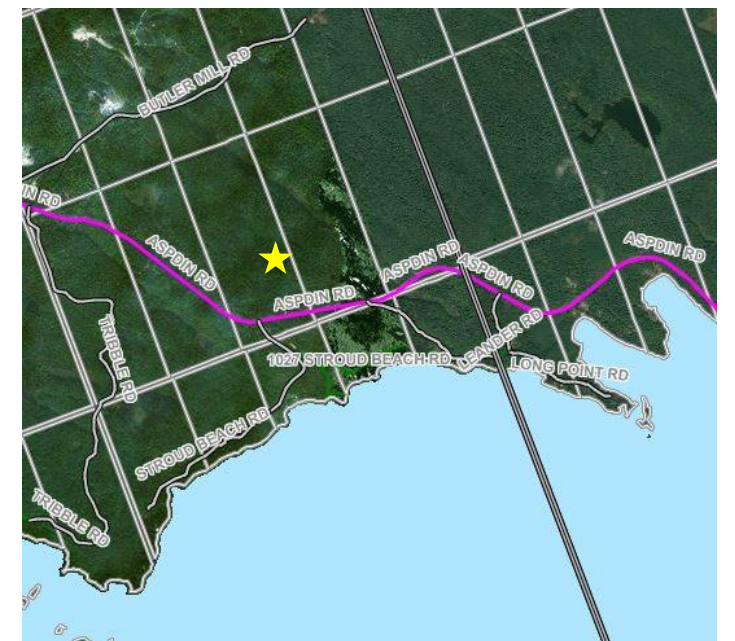
In order to improve service in your neighbourhood, Bell is proposing to install a 60.8 metre telecommunications tower at 4300 Aspdin Road, Utterson, Township of Muskoka Lakes. Latitude: N 45° 16' 40.5", Longitude: W 79° 27' 29.7". **This proposed tower will bring improved mobile network and wireless home internet ("WTTH") services to the community.**

Bell is committed to working closely with our communities. This means providing any desired information in a transparent and straightforward fashion, hearing your views, and addressing any questions or comments you may have.

To this end, we invite you to join a Virtual Public Information Session over Zoom, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm on **November 19th, 2020**. Our experts will be on hand to answer your questions and address any feedback.

Please visit <https://www.canacre.com/skeleton-lake-north-w7716> for information on how to attend and participate in the Virtual Public Information Meeting.

We hope you will join us in helping to enhance the wireless network in your neighbourhood



Bell Site (yellow star)

Understanding the process

Step 1:

Proposal

Bell proposes a site in accordance with the Township of Muskoka Lakes Communications Tower Policy and the Town's consultation process. Bell submits a plan and initiates a dialogue with the Township of Muskoka Lakes.

Step 2:

Notification

Packages are mailed to the local public, municipality, businesses, and landowners within 1000 metres of the proposed property inviting them to participate in the consultation process.

Step 3:

Consultation

Bell reviews and responds to questions and comments submitted from the community during the consultation period (30 days). A Virtual Public Information Meeting will be held to address comments and concerns. Landowners are invited to comment up to December 14th, 2020.

Step 4:

Acknowledgement

Bell will aim to acknowledge receipt of and/or address all comments received during the consultation period and the public meeting within 14 days of comment.

Step 5:

Response

All reasonable and relevant concerns will be addressed by Bell within a maximum of 60 days.

Step 6:

Feedback

Landowners have 21 days to respond to Bell.

Step 7:

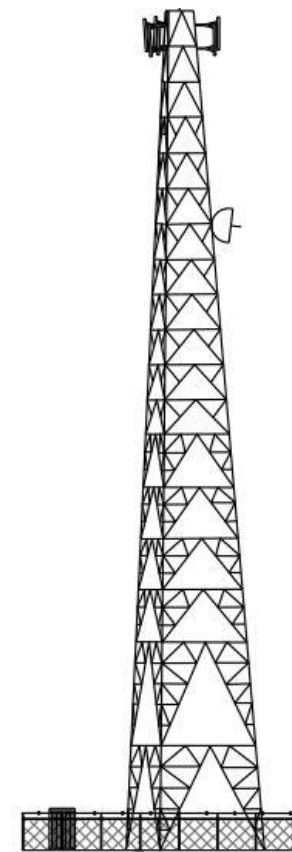
Approval

A letter and summary of the public meeting is shared with the land-use authority. Council will decide by way of resolution if the consultation process has been completed in accordance to Township policy.

What is an antenna tower?

An antenna tower supports the low power short-range radio systems that allow us to enjoy our mobile devices, such as our smart phones and tablets.

The purpose of the tower is to provide dependable advanced telecommunication service to the surrounding businesses and landowners.



Self Support Tower

Why now?

Canadians are using wireless devices more and more in their daily lives. Currently, more than half of all phone connections in Canada are now wireless, including 70 percent of all 911 calls.

Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission (2013): <http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/publications/reports/rp130705.htm>

In order to provide the high quality of service that Canadians have come to expect, Bell must enhance its networks to meet this increased demand.

By adding new antenna sites, Bell customers will continue to benefit from dependable, high speed and high quality wireless service.

Is it safe?

The consensus among Canadian health organizations and the scientific community is that wireless antennas are safe and in fact, this antenna tower will operate well below the levels established by Health Canada under Safety Code 6.

Bell is committed to the health and safety of Canadian communities. That is why we take great pride in our compliance with all current health and safety guidelines while continuing to provide Canada's first-rate wireless coverage.

"Health Canada, along with independent experts from across the country, continually monitor the scientific literature to ensure that Safety Code 6 is based on the best available evidence and has significant margins of safety for the Canadian population."

Dr. Patricia Daly, MD, FRCPC, Chief Medical Health Officer & Vice President Public Health.

What is Safety Code 6?

The purpose of this code is to establish safety limits for human exposure to radiofrequency (RF) energy in the frequency range from 3 kHz to 300 GHz. The safety limits in this code apply to all individuals working at, visiting, or living at or near federally regulated sites.

Bell attests that the proposed antenna tower will be installed and operated so as to always comply with Safety Code 6.

The Royal Society of Canada – A Review of Safety Code 6 (2013)
https://rsc-src.ca/sites/default/files/SC6_Report_Formatted_1.pdf

Why here?

The quality of service in this area does not currently meet Bell standards and the needs of people in the neighbourhood.

Bell first looked at the possibility of sharing an existing antenna tower in order to minimize the number of new antennas in the area. Unfortunately, none of the existing structures were determined suitable for site-sharing.

Bell is proposing to install the new antenna tower at 4300 Aspden Road, Utterson, Township of Muskoka Lakes Latitude: N 45° 16' 40.5", Longitude: W 79° 27' 29.7". This site was carefully identified because it met various factors including land use restrictions, interaction with existing structures and the surrounding environment, and line of sight requirements.

Is it environmentally friendly?

As Canada's largest communications company, we care about the protection and preservation of our environment.

The proposed antenna will be built in accordance with the highest professional engineering standards and practices. We ensure the utmost care and respect for the environment as we comply with the Canadian Environment Assessment Act.

A site survey can be viewed at the link below:

<https://canacre.sharefile.com/d-s5cca4cea8ea4c788>

What will it look like?

- Bell is proposing a 60.8 m telecommunications tower that will support associated radio equipment.
- The radio equipment shelter will be placed at the base of the tower.
- With the public's safety in mind, the antenna tower will not be accessible to the general public.
- Bell will incorporate suitable elements to the proposed antenna tower, in accordance with Transport Canada's aeronautical obstruction marking requirements. No lighting will be required for this tower.



Before



After