

*Interim Policy
Communication Towers*

1. Whenever possible, the sharing of existing towers is encouraged in an effort to reduce the number of communication towers in the Rural area.
2. The co-location of new installations on common towers is encouraged.
3. Towers under 30 metres (100 feet) in height, which do not require lights, will not require a Public Information meeting. Such towers shall be a minimum of 90 metres (300 feet) from all lot lines. Where this setback is not met, circulation of the proposal to abutting property owners is required.
4. Towers greater than 30 metres (100 feet) in height require a Public Information meeting to be held prior to the construction of such tower. This includes additions to towers where the total height is greater than 30 metres (100 feet).
5. Where a Public Information meeting is required, all property owners within a one kilometre (0.6 mile) radius of the proposed communication tower are to receive written notice in addition to a newspaper notice.
6. Industry Canada is the approval agency for communication towers. Representatives are encouraged to also attend Public Information meetings. All Public Information meetings are for information purposes only.
7. The siting of new communication towers shall consider the following:
 - Impact on aeronautical navigation;
 - Distance from significant nearby structures or lands uses to:
 - Reduce 'ghosting'
 - Reduce distortion of radiation patterns
 - Prevent malfunction of electronic devices and appliances
 - Provide long term build out capacity.
 - Retention of prominent views and vistas;
 - Impact on natural areas including provincially significant wetlands, heritage areas and significant habitat.
8. Buffering or screening of communication towers shall be encouraged. Setbacks from sensitive land uses, such as residential, will be considered.
9. Advertising on communication towers shall not be permitted.
10. This policy shall not supersede any policy / regulation of Industry Canada where the requirements of Industry Canada are more restrictive.