

# The Valhalla Society

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The Honourable Tony Clement  
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Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
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Dear Mr. Clement,

The matter of cancer-clusters connected to the use of cellular masts and phones widely reported in scientific studies in Europe and Asia, has given rise to considerable concern in Canada and the US. This is the subject of the letters and attachments I put before you.

Succinctly, a majority of residents have strongly protested the installation of a cellular phone mast and facility in a residential area of the small village of New Denver. The Village Mayor and Council, on behalf of its residents have sought a further time extension in order to study a large body of evidence linking brain cancer and other diseases to cell-phone masts and phone usage.

The situation about which I write is described in the attached letters to the CEO of Telus and the accompanying documentation. These enclosures are suggestive of a large body of information on this subject available on our website.

I have similarly written to Dr. David Butler-Jones and Wendy Sexsmith as per the copies attached in the enclosed material.

As the Federal Minister of Health, I think this controversy should have your immediate attention. Certainly, the refusal of Telus to consider the body of evidence accumulated by scientists in Sweden, Germany, UK, France, and elsewhere is provocative and will exacerbate another aspect of the problem which I greatly regret. This is the fact that a majority of residents in New Denver do not trust Health Canada's acceptance of Radio Frequency Radiation, believing it is far behind the emerging science, and that it has used exceedingly limited parameters for its tests and approval. The sentiment widely held in these parts is that the government is refusing to recognize potent dangers because it is beholden to a multi-billion dollar industry.

Our view at Valhalla is that Health Canada is, indeed, behind the times as it has been in other threats to the public health but that given sufficient warning, it will re-visit this

important problem with the enlarged outlook urged by international scientists. (The World Health Organization has recently reconsidered its approval of RFR usage and is opening research into the subject due to worldwide reports.)

I urge you to look over the representative material on our website. Kindly let us hear your view on this at your first convenience.

Sincerely,

Richard Caniell  
Special Representative  
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Dr. David Butler Jones  
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Dear Dr. Butler-Jones,

I enclose herewith a letter to the CEO of Telus, also sent to the CBC, in connection with grave public health concerns by residents of a small village in British Columbia, the majority of whom are resisting the installation of a cellular phone mast and service.

Because the Public Health Agency of Canada is focused on the prevention of cancer, heart disease and other chronic illnesses, it is likely aware of the enlarging body of world-wide studies citing cellular phone and transmitter mast's connection to cancer cluster appearances. This connection has greatly concerned residents and the Village administration of New Denver. We, as part of the resistance to this installation, seek to bring to your attention some of the material corroborating our objections, viewable on our website.

I trust the attached material will spell out the degree of our objections. I understand the Village administration is also writing to Telus / CBC seeking the additional time (after an initial, inadequate time extension) for research time denied to them by local Telus representatives.

We would be grateful for your interest in this serious and controversial matter.

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Wendy Sexsmith, Chief Scientist  
Health Canada  
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Ottawa, Ontario  
Canada K1A 0K9

Dear Ms. Sexsmith,

Doubtless you are aware of a growing body of studies in Europe and Asia associating brain cancer and other diseases with cell-phone mast transmitters and cell-phone usage. This background has led to a majority of residents of a small village in British Columbia (New Denver) to vociferously protest the installation of a cellular phone mast on a CBC tower in a residential area of the Village.

The Village administration (Mayor and Council) itself has expressed grave concerns about Telus's plan to install the transmitter. The situation is outlined in my letter to the Telus CEO and that to the CBC which is allowing Telus to use its tower.

The attached material, enclosed with this letter, is suggestive of the whole – the balance is available on our website.

We are aware that Health Canada approves the installation of such transmitter masts and cellular phone usage. We believe Health Canada should initiate substantial reviews to re-evaluate the standards used leading to Health Canada's present position. Frankly, we think it is wrong and, as such, contributing to possibly lethal consequences to Canadian citizens.

That be as it may – there are sufficient legitimate grounds for village resident's concerns, the unintended result being that it disbelieves in Health Canada's answer that they are unimpered by this technology. This disbelief greatly concerns us because it cuts across a necessary reliance citizens should have in government agencies. We urge you to take immediate steps to open an inquiry into this very important subject, and would appreciate a reply to our concerns at your earliest convenience.

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Sharon Watts, President and CEO  
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Dear Ms. Watts,

I enclose a letter to the CEO of Telus connected to grave concerns about the installation of a cellular phone mast and facilities in the residential area of a small village, New Denver, in southeastern British Columbia.

The Village administration (Mayor and Council) itself has expressed grave concerns about Telus's plan to install the transmitter. The situation is outlined in my letter to the Telus CEO and that to the CBC which is allowing Telus to use its tower.

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