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To: Mayor Wright
Council Members
And Administrator

Dear Mr. Mayor,

In connection with the proposed cellular phone transmission tower proximity to the Centennial Park playground and tourist campsites whereon many children congregate, please consider the following resolution from the BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils.

From BC CPAC (BC Confederation of Parent Advisory Councils)

BCCPAC represents a membership of over 1,000 Parent Advisory Councils and District Parent Advisory Councils from every school district in the province. Collectively, it represents the parents of hundreds of thousands of children in BC.

TITLE: Prohibiting the siting of Cellular Phone Masts or Antennae on School buildings and School grounds.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: BCCPAC urge school boards and municipal governments to prohibit the siting of cell or mobile phone masts aka antennae in any areas regularly used by students such as school buildings and school grounds.

This information, added to the persuasive scientific findings of the 600 page BioInitiative Report presents, in our estimation, a compelling basis for the Village administration to insist that the proposed cell phone tower transmission facility be abandoned.

The substantive findings in 2007 by the International scientists, medical doctors and researchers from the US, Denmark, Sweden, Austria, China, and the UK provides a much needed foundation which demands the application of the precautionary principle announced in that report and by the European Court of Justice in 2002. In consequence, the commencement of legal proceedings against all parties, should this installation proceed, who have not or are not exercising the necessary precautionary principle to a potentially serious threat to public health, seems quite likely.

I trust you are aware that the conclusion in the omnibus report states: "the scientific evidence is sufficient to warrant preventative action against Radio Frequency Radiation (cell phones)."

The report states under Section 17, Key Scientific Evidence, title III: Prudent Public Health Planning, at page 18:

"Good public health policy requires preventative action proportionate to the potential risk of harm to the public health consequence of taking no action."

It further states in this summary "for emissions from wireless devices (cell phones) there is enough evidence of increased risk of brain tumours and acoustic neuromas to warrant intervention with respect to their use."

These and other serious conclusions reached in the is omnibus report require decisive action in resisting the Telus decision to install cellular phone transmission in a residential area immediately adjacent to a playground.

We are grateful to the Village administration for the protracted and serious concern they have given this matter.

Sincerely

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