County comments for Xplore Communication Tower - 223044 Southgate Rd. 22

Hello Southgate,

To:

Please see below for the County comments for Other application Xplore Communication Tower - 223044 Southgate Rd. 22 - Orval & Danielle Rose Martin.

Schedule A of the County OP designates the subject lands as 'Rural' and 'Agricultural'. Section 8.9.4(1) states,

The County supports the provision of high quality telecommunications services throughout the entire County including broadband/fibre and cellular services both within settlement areas and rural areas.

Further, Section 8.9.4(5) of the County OP states,

Recognizing that telecommunications towers are exempt from municipal zoning by-laws and Section 41 of the Planning Act, municipalities are encouraged to work with Industry Canada to develop local telecommunication tower sitting protocols that:

a) Prefer a minimum 250 metre setback from all residential zones and dwellings wherever possible, unless necessary to provide adequate service to such areas;

The proposed telecommunication facility is located within agricultural lands and will increase the quality of telecommunications services. The proposed telecommunication facility has a setback of approximately 180 metres; therefore, County Planning staff recommend that the proposed tower be relocated 250 metres from the nearest dwelling not owned by the property owner, if possible.

Schedule A of the County OP indicates that the subject contains 'Hazard Lands'. The proposed development is located outside of the Hazard Lands; therefore, County Planning staff have no concerns.

County Planning Ecology staff have reviewed the subject application and have no concerns.

Provided that, if possible, the proposed tower be relocated 250 metres from the nearest dwelling not owned by the property owner; County Planning staff have no concerns with the subject application.

Please note, a paper copy will not be provided unless requested.

Let us know if you have any questions.

Best regards,

Derek McMurdie

County of Grey, Owen Sound, ON