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Dear Members of Council,

The Greenspace Alliance of Canada 's Capital wishes to add its voice to that of others urging you not to abandon your constitutional authority over land use with regard to placement of antennas for radio communication.

Contrary to the assertions made by staff in its report, our consultation with Industry Canada staff indicates that the role of the municipality is miscast. Section 5(1) of the Radiocommunication Act does provide the Minister with the authority to approve a site for placement of antennas but this authority is intended to be exercised only in the breach -- if conflicting opinions arise or if the municipality fails to act. Industry Canada normally expects to receive approval of a site by the municipality before processing an application further.

Moreover, the proposed consultation protocol foresees no consultation at all for towers less than 15 meters high. As a result, these could be placed anywhere. It is our understanding that the telecommunications industry intends to greatly increase the number of such towers throughout the city. No resident would have to be informed and no advice from the City to Industry Canada would be forthcoming. This falls well short of the City's duty to protect the interests of its citizens.

In short, this Official Plan Amendment is misconceived and represents an abdication of the City's responsibility. The parameters of the consultation process are also woefully inadequate.

We urge you to not approve this proposal and reconsider the City's role in this matter.

Sincerely,

Erwin Dreessen

on behalf of Amy Kempster, Chair