

# Cell tower badly needed: Rogers

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The Town of Halton Hills has forwarded the application by a company that wants to build a telecommunications tower in a church parking lot on 15 Sideroad to Industry Canada to validate the company's technical information.

Town Council supported the recommendation at a recent Council meeting to forward the information.

The Town, is a commenting agency on the application, and said the proposed location, in the parking area of St. John's Anglican Church, is not a preferred site under the Town's Protocol for Establishing Telecommunications Towers.

At the meeting Sean Galbraith, of Land Squared, a consultant for Rogers Communications Inc. (which wants to put up the tower) said there are no alternative locations available and that the 30 m tower would make a significant improvement in service not only in the area but it would also speed up the network and provide better quality service

elsewhere in Georgetown.

Galbraith said it's needed "for more network coverage and more capacity in the network."

"To do that we need more antennas in more places, unfortunately that means closer to the people who are generating that demand," said Galbraith.

He added a tower located 1.7 km to the north of the proposed site is "one of the worst performing antenna sites in the Rogers network."

"We're trying to do as much as we can with only one tower," said Galbraith.

He said the tower would be 150 m away from the Stewarttown School property line and 70 m from the nearest house. Each he said would be well within the Health Canada Safety Code 6 limit for emissions.

Galbraith said emissions at the base of the tower are 1.57 per cent of the Safety Code limit, they are .95 per cent at the nearest residence and .5 per cent at the limit of the Stewarttown School property.

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