

7. Radio Communication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems Application

a) LP000019 - Block A, District Lot 49, Otter District (3727 Otter Point Road)

Emma Taylor spoke to the staff report for the application received to install a 45 metre (m) radio communication tower with a 48.2 m antenna at 3727 Otter Point Road for the purpose of improving public safety radio coverage in the community. In accordance with the Juan de Fuca Radiocommunication and Broadcasting Antenna Systems Application Policy, notices were delivered to owners and occupants within 500 m of the subject property advising the public of the application and the opportunities to provide written comments and questions. Emma Taylor outlined the submissions included in the staff report which were received in response to the notice as well as the applicant's response to the submissions.

Emma Taylor confirmed that a representative for the application is present.

The LUC questioned if other companies are permitted to co-locate on the tower and if the applicant has full authority over the tower.

The representative for the applicant, Capital Regional Emergency Services Telecommunication Inc. (CREST), stated:

- proposed location would be CREST's most westerly facility
- coverage in Otter Point and Shirley has been challenging
- western coverage has been coming from the US
- proposed tower would fill first responder coverage gaps
- consideration was initially given to co-locate with a private cellular company
- at this time, the private cellular company has withdrawn its interest
- it is anticipated that interest in co-locating will be received once the tower is installed
- private companies have co-located on other CREST towers
- CREST's agreement with the CRD for a tower on the subject property has not been finalized
- CREST has agreements with the CRD for towers at other locations

Maureen Hunter, Otter Point:

- questioned if the proposed tower would be limited to emergency communications by a private cellular company, if support was granted for a company to co-locate on the tower

The Chair stated that:

- should a private cellular company co-locate on the tower, communications would not be limited to emergency communications
- the Otter Point Volunteer Fire Department supports the CREST application
- should any revenue be received from the tower, it is anticipated that the revenue would be directed to the Otter Point Volunteer Fire Department

MOVED by Vern McConnell, **SECONDED** by Dale Risvold that the Land Use Committee recommends to the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board:

That a statement of concurrence be provided for the proposed 45.0 m radio communications tower and 48.2 m antenna on Block A, District Lot 49, Otter District for the purpose of improving public safety radio coverage.

CARRIED