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Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments on the proposed amendments to Industry Canada’s Antenna Tower Siting Procedures. Please consider the following comments as you move forward with the proposed amendments:

- The City is concerned about the inability for municipalities to conduct peer reviews of technical information when there are concerns about a proposed antenna location and the proposal’s technical merits. Given that municipalities do not have the technical expertise to evaluate the technical merits of an antenna proposal, it would be beneficial for municipalities to have an opportunity to have the applicant’s information peer reviewed by a third party to independently verify the accuracy of the technical information being used to justify an antenna’s location.

- It is recommended that Industry Canada consider amending the Antenna Siting Procedures document to include a process for local municipalities to have technical information peer reviewed by an independent third party for contentious antenna proposals.

If you require further information or clarification, please contact me at the address shown or by telephone at (905) 436-3311, extension 2401, or at rbedic@oshawa.ca.

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