I request inclusion of building-mount, roof-top and hydro-pole installations in the notification and consultation procedures. I am concerned that as providers move to comply with notification and consultation for towers less than 15 metres in height, they may choose to give greater preference to building-mount, rooftop and hydro-pole antenna installations, if these were to remain excluded from notification and consultation.

My prime concern is public health. A proliferation of building-mount, rooftop and hydro-pole installations could well result in many antennae being placed in closer proximity to occupied buildings. What is known without a doubt is that with regard to wireless radiation exposure from a fixed source, distance can be your friend. Should more antennae in closer proximity be the unintended consequence of the new regulation, the resulting heavy toll to public health could well outweigh the benefits I recognize in this update to CPC-2-0-03.

Thousands of people across the country have expressed concern about the placement of cell towers, citing health reasons. These concerns are excluded from consideration by IC siting regulation, but must be properly considered and appropriate precautions taken when there are indications of any big or small level of justification. I fully recognize that it is the mandate of Health Canada to protect vulnerable populations from environmental pollution. Nonetheless, the actions of IC in this regard could have great impact.

Worldwide, independent scientists have conclusively shown that there is no guarantee that children can be exposed to any amount of wireless radiation for any amount of time without a biological impact. Safety is not guaranteed and Canada’s Safety Code 6 is an antiquated regulation that lags behind even Russia and China. Local community LUA’s are indicating their health concerns and lack of confidence in Safety Code 6.
A further move to include building-mount and rooftop installations in notification would be applauded by Canadians from coast to coast. I urge you to be all-inclusive in this update to CPC-2-0-03.