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County of St. Paul No. 19
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Attention: Krystle Fedoretz (Planning & Development)

RE: Amendment to bylaw Section 7.7(3)(a)

Industry Canada recently approved MCSNet's proposal under the Federal Governments "Connecting Canadians Program" to upgrade and enhance internet broadband services to rural communities.

MCSNet's proposal consisted of upgrading it's broadband infrastructure to the latest technology, upgrading 84 existing 100' towers to 150' towers and adding an additional 17 new 150' towers to underserved areas.

MCSNet presently has in excess of 500 towers covering North Eastern Alberta including Western Saskatchewan and therefore works hand in hand with well over 40 Municipalities.

An issue has come up with a County of St. Paul bylaw that has apparently come into effect over the last number of years concerning communication towers whereby towers must have a setback of not less than 120% of the height of the tower.

We sincerely believe this is an error as no other Municipality that we deal with has such a huge setback and should be corrected and modified to read as follows:

(a) The tower base shall be setback from abutting parcels and roadways by a distance of 20 percent of the tower height or the distance between the tower base and guy wire anchors, whichever is greater.

MCSNet would therefore like to recommend that the County of St. Paul Council amend the bylaw Section 7.7 (3)(a) to read as proposed above.

Thanking you for your kind attention in this matter, I remain

Yours truly

MCSNet

Leo VanBrabant - CEO