



Staff Report

**Report Title: Request for Concurrence-Telecommunication Antenna Structure
STC0249- Silver Lake Rd**

Prepared By: Michele Barr, Deputy CBO

Department: Building and Planning

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Attachments: Justification Report

Recommendation:

THAT the Council of the Township of Huron Kinloss hereby receive for information Report BLDG-2024-03-10 prepared by Michele Barr, Deputy Chief Building Official;

AND FURTHER provide a statement of concurrence to Share Tower Inc in support of the installation of a 65metre self-support tower structure STC0249 at Lt 21 Range 1 SDR Kinloss, Pts 3,4 &5 3R3658 Township of Huron Kinloss in accordance with the governing regulations set out by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada (ISCD)

AND FURTHER THAT Council is aware that the jurisdiction for approval of the noted facility rests strictly with ISED Canada, and that the Township's role is one of a commenting body to ISED Canada and the Applicant.

Background:

Shared Tower Inc. is proposing to construct and install a 65 metre self-supporting tower structure to support multiple co-location opportunities. Although the Federal Government, through Innovation, Science and Economic Development (ISED) Canada is responsible for the final regulatory decision to approve the location of the tower, the proponent is required to notify the Township of the project.

As part of the proponent completing the regulatory requirements under ISED Canada, a statement of concurrence is requested as a response that the Township acknowledges the project and, in their opinion, has satisfied the conditions under ISED Canada (consultation and circulation) and concurs with the project.

Discussion:

Share Tower Inc. has requested a statement of concurrence from the Township of Huron Kinloss for the installation of a 65-metre self-supporting tower structure. The subject property is zoned Agricultural Rural (AG4) and is located off Silver Lake Road currently no municipal address (coordinates: 44.093111,-81.414781). The property is approximately 257,178 square metres in area or approximately 63.5 acres and legally known as Lt 21 Range 1 SDR Kinloss, Pts 3, 4 & 5 3R3658 Township of Huron Kinloss.

The intent of the proposed tower is to strengthen the telecommunication network in order to better support increased demands for consumer connectivity, the digital economy, and health and safety measures in the community. As demand for telecommunications services continues to grow, more network infrastructure is required to keep pace with this demand.

The self-support tower design has been selected as the most efficient tower type to support equipment for multiple future co-location services and is consistent with the typical structures installed in rural areas and ensures minimal visual impact.

The proposed tower will include a locked and electronically monitored mechanical equipment shelter. Fencing will be installed around the base of the tower and the equipment shelter will include on locked gated access point. (site plan attached)

A notice Package was circulated to the required property owners and the Township, at the same time notice was advertised in the three local newspapers inviting public comment. The Justification Report was circulated to staff for review and comment. It was noted that Silver Lake Rd is owned by the Township however no winter maintenance is provided by the Township. Shared Tower Inc is aware of this limited service and have noted no concern as their annual maintenance visits will be scheduled accordingly and they have their own equipment in case of weather emergency as required.

There were no public comments received by Shared Tower Inc. or the Township Office within the 30 day commenting period concluding March 8, 2024.

Financial Impacts:

Application fee as per the Consolidated Rates and Fees Bylaw

Strategic Alignment / Link:

N/A

Respectfully Submitted By:

Michele Barr, Deputy CBO

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer