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Fwd: Objection to Proposed Development Case File T2-2025-0023

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Respected Sir/Madam,

This is with regards to a proposal to build a cell tower at 13937 and [14111 NW Springville Rd. Portland](#). Property ID: R324301, R324297 and Case File T2-2025-0023; applicant: Debbie Griffin, SmartLink Group

While I understand that the proposed cell tower would help with cell phone coverage, I don't understand the logic behind having it so close to the residential community. I can live without a cell phone network than to have to worry about potential long term health effects it might have on me and my family including a toddler.

The long term effects of RF radiation exposure are still unknown to mankind. There are some studies done but they are done over a very limited time frame. While the American Cancer Society and FDA doesn't have a standard position right now, one study done in Taiwan found that there is an increased level of cancer occurrence in young adults when cell towers are present close to the community. There is potential for increased occurrence of headaches, cancers, tumors, migraines and so on. The effect of RF radiation and intensity will reduce with distance, so it makes sense to have this cell-tower relocated to nearby areas where there is low population density. There are so many other places just down the springville road which are farmland and have little to no population in the close vicinity. Any of those sites can be chosen and used instead of putting a cell-tower so close to the well populated residential area. Based on studies: RF energy gets weaker with distance. **The distance needed to reduce exposures down to the General Public Precautionary Level of 100 microwatts per meter squared ($\mu\text{W}/\text{m}^2$) is often closer to half-mile. This means there should not be residential communities within that distance. That is exactly what my suggestion is. Move it further away from our residential community.**

While I focus only on the health aspect of the cell-tower, the tower in itself will bring down the residential value. both because of its appearance (though it is made to feel like a tree, it is not a tree) and because of fear associated with the health effect on the potential buyer.

In my neighborhood, we have a large number of infants and toddlers who have a long life ahead of them. While I am all in favor of technological advances, I don't agree that they should be at the cost of our health. I feel that we owe to our next generation to give them the best chance to have a cancer-free and healthy life. **I strongly oppose having a cell-tower at the proposed site and propose that this should be moved farther away from residential communities as big as bethany creek falls.**

Regards,
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