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## Sienna Networks / Meziadin Junction Limited Partnership Proposed Tower in Stewart

Council of the District of Stewart is working with Sienna Networks / Meziadin Junction Limited Partnership (MJLP) to ensure local, regulatory and statutory processes are followed for their proposed installation of a Tower and Communications building in Stewart.

The District of Stewart Land Use Authority (LUA), does not have an established and documented public consultation process applicable to antenna siting. As such, proponents must follow the **Innovation, Science & Economic Development Canada (ISED)** default public consultation federally mandated process. The Public Consultation process has 3 steps whereby the proponent:

- 1. distributes a package to the Public, ISED, and the Land Use Authority (LUA),
- 2. engage the public and LUA to address relevant questions, comments and concerns regarding the proposal,
- 3. provides an opportunity to the public and LUA to formally respond in writing to the proponent regarding measures taken to address reasonable and relevant concerns.

The following resolutions have been released in the Rise and Report from the Special Closed Council Meeting of September 18, 2025:

## The District of Stewart Council:

- Recommends Sienna Networks/Meziadin Junction Limited Partnership follow the Innovation, Science & Economic Development Canada (ISED) default consultation process outlined in CPC-2-0-03 which mandates submission of a Public Consultation Package to the Land Use Authority, the local ISED Office and the public;
- 2. Request Sienna Networks/MJLP to provide the Public Consultation to the entire community of Stewart, including property owners, residents, business owners, etc;
- Request that Sienna Networks/MJLP is transparent in the Public Consultation Package to the community, ISED and the District regarding the proposed tower and technologies that may be utilized on this site including Microwave Communications for enhanced transport (internet and data), VHF Radio Systems, SCADA Communications, FM Radio Station Antennas and enhanced cellular coverage;
- 4. Requests Sienna Networks/MJLP to provide the District with the Radio Frequency study conducted by a registered engineer for the current tower design and future intended use.
- 5. Requests Sienna Networks/MJLP to provide the District with an address list of recipients to ensure proof of consultation aligns with Section 4.2 of CPC-2-0-03;
- 6. Requests Sienna Networks/MJLP to provide the District with proof of approval from the Ministry of Transportation & Transit for the location of the tower beside Highway 37A;
- 7. Requests that the Radio Frequency study, address list of recipients of the Public Consultation and proof of approval from the Ministry of Transportation and Transit be provided to the District of Stewart prior to the Public Consultation Package being distributed to the Community, ISED, and the Land Use Owner (District of Stewart).

District Council aligns with Official Community Plan Bylaw 882, 2014, Section 4.2 to ensure:

- Community Engagement:
- Proactive Decision Making:
- Transparency, Clarity and Fairness

In following the federally mandated process, the District looks forward to working with the proponent.