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CELL PHONE TOWER INQUIRY

Given the recent requests for placement of cell phone towers in residential locations can the Administration provide the following:

1. Recommendations for updates to City Policy C471B "Policy for Siting Telecommunications Facilities" particularly with regards to improved public consultation, ability to restrict placement in residential areas; identification of land use incompatibility issues and requirement to mitigate visual impacts.
2. Recently other municipalities have updated their policies on siting telecommunication towers especially in Calgary, Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver. What elements of their policy updates can we incorporate in Edmonton, i.e. addressed mail notification to tenants and homeowners regarding cell phone tower applications. Can you also provide information regarding pilot projects and/ or new protocols that other municipalities are undertaking with the Telcos.
3. A response to the May 19, 2010 Executive Committee Motion regarding "what criteria the City uses to make a decision about concurrence or non-concurrence and what governance mechanisms are used to make that decision".
4. Any updates regarding recent Federal government and FCM response to the Townsend report and an update regarding any AUMA activity on this issue.

As this is a very contentious issue we would appreciate a response as quickly as possible. We would also appreciate that the report be scheduled for early release to allow for public input.

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