



City of Vancouver *Planning - By-law Administration Bulletins*

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ANTENNAS AND MUNICIPAL CONSULTATION

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Effective October 15, 1990

Amended February 28, 1995, August 26, 2019, and November 14, 2022

Effective October 15, 1990, the Federal Department of Communications has amended their licensing procedures to offer municipal authorities an opportunity to make known their views regarding the erection of a new or modification of an existing antenna structure.

The Department of Communications is encouraging applicants for radio authorizations, as well as those parties installing or modifying antenna structures for licence exempted stations, to notify or consult with municipalities' land-use authorities within whose boundaries antenna structures may be constructed. Procedures have been developed that would effectively require this as a step in the licensing process for many stations.

Section 10.31 "Antennae" of the Zoning and Development By-Law states that, "Except as exempted by the provisions of 4.8.1(o) (antenna used for residential purposes), no person shall erect an antenna, including a satellite dish, without first obtaining a development permit from the Director of Planning".

The Planning Department's role is to consider the implications of the proposed antenna structure through a development application and make known to the applicant its views, and those of the individual citizens it represents. Should the response be negative, the Planning Department is responsible for providing its written objections to the local Department of Communications district office.

This new process ensures that municipalities have the opportunity to evaluate the applicant's proposed facilities in advance. If no agreement can be reached between the applicant and the municipality, the Department of Communications will, within the context of the federal jurisdiction to regulate radio-communications, take the municipal as well as the applicant's concerns into account during its authorization process.

Should you have additional questions, contact the Department of Communications District Office for further explanation, as noted below.

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