

Rogers Communications intends to build a 90 meter (300 feet) communication tower at the junction of Dardanelles and Indian Point Road. The window for feedback to Rogers closes November 13.

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Feedback can also be put before the Dysart et al Council for consideration by e-mail to Tamara Willbee (twillbee@dysartetal.ca). Our councillor is Nancy Wood-Roberts (nwood-roberts@dysartetal.ca).

As a Drag Lake property owner for more than 25 years, I ask my fellow lovers of Drag and Spruce to consider the following:

- The issue is not a tower per se. Property owners on Drag and Spruce Lakes need and have been asking for improved cell and internet service for years.
- What we need to be concerned with and address, is the impact the proposed location will have on the ambiance and nature of our lakes.
- At 90 meters (300 feet) the tower will be more than three times the height of any existing trees. It is too tall to be “camouflaged” as a tree, will loom over the lake no matter where you are and dominate the western skyline.
- It would be visible from pretty much anywhere on the water, Sandy Cove and the eastern, south eastern and north eastern shores.

(SIMULATIONS ATTACHED)

The simulations provided by Rogers are from positions along roads, where there are 15-20m high trees right in front of the viewer. They can be viewed by clicking on the notice posted on the lake association website:

- https://cewf.typepad.com/drag_spruce_lakes_poa/2023/10/public-notice-wireless-telecom-tower.html

In response to an e-mail from myself, Rogers said *“There were locations considered on the west side of Harburn Rd., off of Little Art Lake Dr., however the distance from available hydro precluded considering them further.”*

That raises the following questions:

- Did the considerations include coverage area?
- If the coverage area would not be adversely affected by using either of those locations, was the distance preclusion a judgement of Hydro One, or Rogers?
- If Rogers, how onerous a burden would it be to overcome that?
- How many, if any, cottages and permanent residences would a tower on one of those locations affect?

Rogers chose the Drag Lake location in August. but chose to make the announcement by way of a notice in the Haliburton County Echo, and set the 30-day period for comments on the location on October 10, 2023, a time well after the vast majority of property owners on Drag Lake and Spruce Lakes have closed their cottages. That is their right, but one has to wonder at their reasoning.

If anyone has comments or questions for me specifically, please send them via the Drag and Spruce Lakes Facebook page or email – dragandsprucelakes@gmail.com.

Thank you for your attention to this serious and pressing matter.

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