

**Email to Bell Mobility and to Rogers Cellular**

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The Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners' Association represents more than 600 property owners on the Kennisis Lakes in Haliburton, Ontario (with more than 1000 properties on the lakes). Many of our members are full-time residents at the lake and some are operating businesses from these properties so increasingly require the full range of telecommunications capabilities. At present, some of our members have good cellular coverage, primarily by way of a cell tower located on Kennisis Lake Road. We understand that Bell has recently made improvements to the equipment on that tower, which we appreciate.

We would very much like to encourage you to consider additional efforts that could provide coverage to everyone on our lake and the surrounding area which includes a number of other lakes that have cottages and a large multi-use commercial and recreational enterprise which hosts a number of trailers and casual visitors. There are also a significant number of contractors doing work in the area that would benefit from better cell coverage.

A year ago, there was a proposal to establish another tower on private land very near to Little Kennisis Lake. While the original proposal did not meet the Municipality of Dysart's policy of requiring cell towers to be located at least one kilometre from residences and the design was not consistent with the principles of our Lake Plan, we were happy to support the compromise proposal of a 40 metre "monopine" structure which was also supported by Dysart Council. This approach would have provided coverage to virtually all of the properties on the lake and would have been consistent with our Lake Plan principles (specifically Section 6.2 Landscape and Aesthetics; Section 6.3 Tranquility and Night Skies; and Section 8.3 Recommendation 6c dealing with Development Principles.) <http://klcoa.org/lakeplan/documents.php>

As you can appreciate, our members are very interested in being able to access cellular networks for safety, security and convenience. We would like to explore with you whether there are other approaches that might be possible to enhance coverage and service to our area. We would be happy to meet with you, or answer any questions that you might have, or assist in any way that might help enhance coverage.

Thank you very much for considering our request.

Yours sincerely,

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