



March 4, 2026

The Township of The Archipelago
9 James Street
Parry Sound, ON
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Attn: The Committee of the Whole

Dear Committee,

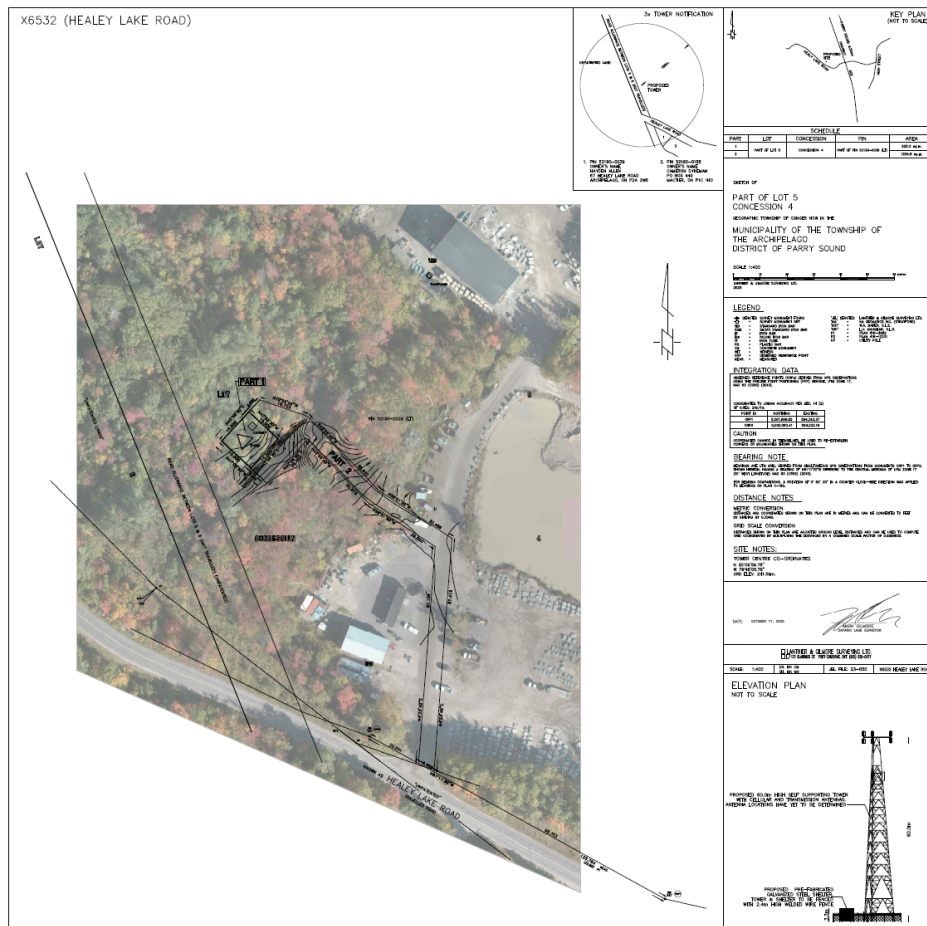
**RE: Bell Mobility X6523 Hwy 400-Healey Lake Road, The Archipelago
Summary of Public Consultation & Request for Letter of Concurrence**

On January 7, 2026, a justification report was submitted to the Committee of the Whole at the Township of The Archipelago for the installation of a new 60m self-support cellular tower at the following property:

Municipal Address: 70 Healey Lake Road, The Archipelago

Legal Description: Part of Lot 5, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Conger, now in the Municipality of the Township of The Archipelago; PIN 52190-0029 (LT)

Tower Center Coordinates: N 45° 09' 59.76" W 79° 48' 05.76"



Public Consultation

On January 15, 2026, Deborah Williamson of D.A. Williamson & Associates Inc., agent for Bell Mobility, attended the Committee of the Whole meeting via Zoom to present the Justification Report and answer any questions from the Committee. It was asked if the tower would improve cellular service at Healey Lake and Kapigog Lake, which Deborah could not confirm at the time, however, stated that she would verify with Bell Mobility.

Bell's RF Engineer did review this query and provided the following:

*Following my review of the **Healey Lake** and **Kapigog Lake** areas in relation to the proposed tower location, I can confirm that both areas lie well beyond the effective coverage range of the new site. The distance to these areas exceeds 7 kilometres and the elevation profile changes significantly, which makes it technically unfeasible to provide improved service, even with the addition of an extra sector.*

*The primary objective of this tower is to enhance coverage along Highway 400, as well as the adjacent neighbourhoods situated close to the highway corridor. Given the intended design and propagation constraints, we are unable to extend reliable coverage as far as **Healey Lake** or **Kapigog Lake**.*

The Township of The Archipelago uses Innovation Science & Economic Development Canada's (ISED's) default protocol CPC 2-0-3-2022-07 for the citing of telecommunication towers with the exception that the radius distance from the proposed tower location for notification is 1000m instead of 3x the tower height (180m).

On January 28, 2026, a notification brochure prepared by Bell and perused by Joe Villeneuve, Manager Technology and Innovation, was mailed by the Township of The Archipelago to property owners within the 1000m radius of the proposed tower location.

On February 7, 2026, a public notice was posted on the Township of The Archipelago website and on the ParrySound.com website.

The 30-day comment period ended on Friday, February 27, 2026.

Public Responses

As of the date of this summary, emails from one property owner were received, outlined below. The email correspondence is attached.

February 16, 2026, an email was received from Tim Mercer, owner of 9 Healey Lake Road, offering his property as the location of the proposed tower and advising that there is no fire rescue at 70 Healey Lake Road.

February 18, 2026, Deborah Williamson responded to the email, advising that the location at 70 Healey Lake was a strategic location chosen by Bell Engineering in relation to existing cellular towers and the network design for future coverage. Tim Mercer responded asking to keep his property in mind for the future; Deborah responded, informing him that his property information would be provided to Bell. He responded to reiterate that there is no fire rescue at 70 Healey Lake Road.

February 19, 2026, an email was received from Tim Mercer asking how the blasting of rock will affect the tower and to ensure Bell is aware of the shock waves. Deborah responded that Bell was aware of the rock blasting and has taken it into consideration in selecting this location. Tim Mercer responded that he did not think that it was not a wise decision to build a tower within the blasting location. Deborah responded that the tower would be constructed within a buffer zone, outside of the blasting area, and that both Bell Construction and Bell Engineering are aware and have taken this into account. Tim responded that it was too bad since his property has no large trucks coming and going, dirt, etc. He asked that Bell check out his lot.

February 19, 2026, an email was received from Tim Mercer advising that over a year ago he contacted Bell about a tower on his property and could not get in touch with anyone. He provided several reasons that his property would be suitable versus 70 Healey Lake Road, and if there was any chance to persuade Bell. Deborah responded that, as noted in a previous email, his property at 9 Healey Lake Road did not come up as a candidate in the location search since it is 800m from the RF target location and that 70 Healey Lake Road was chosen in relation to existing cellular towers and the network design for the coverage area.

February 20, 2026, an email was received from Tim Mercer with a question stating that he had spoken to numerous people who had no idea that a tower was going up, noting that this seems to happen when cottagers are not there at this time of the season and a lot of people who live on Healey Lake Road were not aware. He asked when people on Healey Lake Road would be notified and also reiterated that there is no fire rescue service at 70 Healey Lake Road.

Deborah responded, explaining that Bell and other tower proponents are federally regulated by ISED, who sets protocols for tower sitings under CPC 2-0-3-i6 Jul 2022, copy provided, and that the Township of The Archipelago uses this protocol. Section 4.2 Public Notification was referenced, stating that although the protocol requires that notifications be sent to property owners within 3x the tower height, which for this tower would be 180m, the Township of The Archipelago required that the notifications be sent to those properties within a 1000m radius, which is 17x the tower height radius. Deborah advised that the notices were mailed on January 28, 2026 and that it's possible that not all of the properties on Healey Lake Road would be notified. In this regard, Deborah advised that a public notice was posted on the Township's website as well as on the ParrySound.com website, in order for the general public to be made aware. Links to the public notices were provided. In regards to there being no fire rescue services at the proposed location, Deborah advised that Bell has many towers in areas where there are no such services.

No further correspondence was received.

Conclusion

Bell Mobility has concluded the public consultation process and at this time, formally and respectfully requests the issuance of a letter of concurrence.

Sincerely,



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