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RE: Requiring Business Licenses for Cell Phone Towers

ALDERMAN PETER DEMONG

WHEREAS cell phone tower installations are an issue of major controversy for communities within Calgary;

AND WHEREAS future projections indicate that many more cell phone towers are likely to be needed in future, increasing such concerns;

AND WHEREAS cell phone towers can generate significant, multi-million dollar revenues annually per site and use real property within city limits to generate these revenues, thus meeting the definition of a business;

AND WHEREAS The City of Calgary has the jurisdiction over business license approvals within the City of Calgary and also has jurisdiction over building permits, structural and safety approvals applicable to all real property improvements;

AND WHEREAS City licensing approval of cell phone tower installations would assist in ensuring safety and compliance with all applicable City safety, building and approval requirements applicable to other improvements on real property;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Administration be instructed to investigate the possibility of legally requiring business licenses from property owners for any existing and proposed cell-phone tower installations within City limits, and report back to Council with recommendations.

Signature of Member(s) of Council