

Communications Tower @ Belfast Rec Centre

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The Belfast Rec Centre was contacted (David Coopers specifically), by representatives from Xplornet, wishing to put up a Communications Tower at the Belfast Rec Centre. Mr. Coopers reached out to the Municipality to see if there were any concerns?

I touched base with the company for some information, and I also touched base with Municipal Affairs for any comments they might have: Municipal Affairs response: *"If Council wanted community comment they are welcome to request it; however, these Communication Towers are Federally regulated and the Municipality has no authority on where they are located. If you feel there is a more suitable location in the Municipality, you can ask the company to consider it. Souris and Charlottetown are examples of towers being proposed on sites NOT preferred by the Municipality."*

The range of the tower is up to a 20KM radius. As you get further out from the tower location – the level of service can degrade. I would say anyone within a 15Km range will be able to access reliable service. These sites are being constructed initially, to allow for a 50Meg Connection per user. In addition, Xplornet is building a fiber backbone in PEI. Once the fiber is operational, there will be greater opportunity for additional speeds and capacity in the network.

The CAO took a look at the satellite view, and it seems the location selected should have no impact on surrounding properties.

Bob Brooks - CAO



