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Hon. Mary Ng, Minister of Export Promotion, International Trade & Economic Development of Canada
Hon. Francois-Phillip Champagne, Minister of Innovation, Science, & Industry of Canada
Innovation Science & Economic Development Canada (ISED)
Government of Canada
MP Marilyn Gladu
MPP Bob Bailey
(sent via e-mail)

Re: Underserviced Cellular Communication Services in Rural and Urban Centres in the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, other Rural and Urban Centres across Lambton County, and beyond

Please be advised that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming, at its meeting on July 31st, 2024, passed the following resolution:

Whereas the Government of Canada and The Town of Plympton-Wyoming have approved 2 new Cell Tower installations, yet no installations have occurred. ISED regulations state, *“Following the consultation, and once the company and local municipality agree, the tower must be built within three years.”*

And Whereas the Town of Plympton-Wyoming is not able to utilize all the available modern technology for Fire Services due to the lack of cell signals and reliable cellular service coverage in our rural and urban communities.

And Whereas residents of our community are not able to have reliability and confidence in our telecommunications infrastructure for our commercial establishments and economic growth, employment, school, virtual medical appointments, mental health, welfare and emergency services.

And Whereas Many areas are considered “Dead Zones” causing rural and urban communities to incur prohibitive costs which include roaming and overage fees and/or alternative resources in order to gain basic and limited communication functionality.

And Whereas the Federal Government is already exploring 6G services, yet existing Cell Towers in The Town of Plympton-Wyoming are only providing 3G which is ending in 2025, LTE and 4G service – where these services are even available.

And Whereas the ISED has committed to have a reliable Network and states that, *“Reliable telecommunications networks have never been more crucial. They support not only a wide range of economic and social activities but also other critical infrastructure sectors and*

government services, and they are crucial for emergency services and public safety. They are fundamental to the safety, prosperity and well-being of Canadians.”

And Whereas the top priority of the ISED as stated in the Telecommunications Reliability Agenda is, *“Robust Networks and Systems – This means there is robust architecture for telecommunications networks with appropriate redundancy, diversity, and hardening against hazards, with particular care for emergency services. There are systems with controls and monitoring and the telecommunications supply chain including supplier equipment is trusted and secure. Investments are made to support these activities including in rural and remote areas or to address coverage gaps.”*

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Council of the Town of Plympton-Wyoming requests that the Federal Government and ISED and make it their priority to push forward with their commitment to provide this crucial infrastructure in a meaningful and timely manner and provide action and enforcement of the regulations that mandate timely installation of approved Cell Tower Installations.

The health and well-being of our community is at the mercy of our Federal Government taking these matters seriously; taking action to reduce the harm being caused to our residents well being and allowing our emergency services to perform at standard that our larger urban municipalities are able to.

Sincerely,



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Cc:
All Ontario Municipalities