

Planning Report Date: December 18, 2023

PROPOSAL:

• Development Variance Permit

to increase the maximum height of a free-standing antenna system from 12 metres to 14.9 metres, to allow a streetlight pole with antenna system extension.

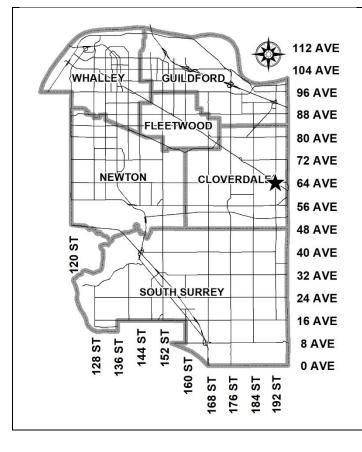
LOCATION:

ZONING:

City Road Right-of-Way on the south side of 64 Avenue between 192 Street and Fraser Highway RF

OCP DESIGNATION: Urban

Fraser HWY 192-St N **RM-30** RA CD B/L 18007 64 Ave **RM-30** CD 64 Ave ⁶⁴Ave B/L 17113 City Road Right-of-Way 192 St on the south side of St 63 AAve 64 Avenue between 92 Fraser Hwy 192 Street and Fraser Highway RF 63B Ave CD B/L 20151 191A St St 192 **RM-15**



RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

• Approval for Development Variance Permit to proceed to Public Notification.

DEVIATION FROM PLANS, POLICIES OR REGULATIONS

• Proposing to increase the maximum height for a free-standing antenna system under Part 4 General Provisions of the Zoning By-law.

RATIONALE OF RECOMMENDATION

- The proposal conforms to the criteria and best practices identified in the City's Antenna System Siting Policy (No. O-62).
- The proposal will result in minimal visual disruption in the area, as the proposed 14.9 metre streetlight pole with an antenna system extension will be similar to the existing Roger's streetlight pole with an antenna system approximately 40 metres to the southwest.
- The applicant has provided documentation which indicates that there is a demonstrated coverage gap in the area, which the wireless carriers would like to address to provide better service to existing and potential new customers.
- Staff have not received any objections from nearby residents to the proposal.

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RECOMMENDATION

The Planning & Development Department recommends that Council approve Development Variance Permit No. 7923-0266-00 (Appendix I), to vary Part 4 General Provisions of the Zoning By-law to increase the maximum height of a free-standing antenna system from 12 metres to 14.9 metres, to proceed to Public Notification.

SITE CONTEXT & BACKGROUND

Direction	Existing Use	OCP/NCP Designation	Existing Zone
Subject Site	Vacant lot	Urban	RF
Northwest (Across 64 Avenue):	Townhomes	Townhouse/Cluster (30 u.p.a.) in North Cloverdale East Plan	RM-30
North and Northeast (Across Fraser Highway:	Mixed use residential/commercial buildings.	North: Special Community Commercial in the East Clayton NCP Northeast: Commercial in the OCP	CD (By-law Nos. 17113 and 18007)
South (Across 192 Street):	Single family dwellings.	Urban	RF
East (Across unopened road):	Single family dwellings.	Urban	RF

DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

Planning Considerations

- The proposed streetlight pole replacement with an antenna system extension is to be located on City road right-of-way north of the property at 19179 64 Avenue. This comprises a vacant piece of city owned land surrounded by three roads and an unopened road. The site is designated as "Urban" in the Official Community Plan (OCP).
- The telecommunication company (Rogers Mobile) has an agreement with the City to site the equipment cabinet required for the antenna system approximately 5 metres to the south of the proposed antenna system across the existing sidewalk.
- The proposed antenna system will be atop a streetlight pole. The proposed location is not replacing an existing streetlight but is a new pole location.
- A similar Rogers antenna system extension was installed in 2020, approximately 40 metres to the southwest. The antenna system is at capacity.

Referrals

Engineering:

The Engineering Department supports this proposal with no further comments.

POLICY & BY-LAW CONSIDERATIONS

- Staff have conveyed to telecommunication companies the importance of a comprehensive strategy to ensure adequate coverage for all carriers while minimizing the number of singular user installations. Staff have also emphasized the importance of keeping the height of installations to a minimum and not compromising existing policy guidelines, especially antenna systems either near or within residential areas, and to ensure that an appropriate design is being considered.
- Improving high speed wireless service supports the growing high technology sector, high-tech education, emergency services and broadens community consultation opportunities through social media.
- The proposed antenna system is required for current and future network capacity upgrades. This proposal will provide increased service to the surrounding area. Many residents and businesses use wireless service as their primary means of communication and have come to expect it to be an essential utility.
- The proposed free-standing antenna system supports the City of Surrey's vision for building a strong economy.

City's Antenna System Siting Policy

- On February 22, 2021, Council approved the City's Antenna System Siting Policy (No. O-62), which replaced Policy No. O-49 Telecommunication Towers. Policy No. O-62 was developed by City staff in coordination with industry representatives to ensure that development of antenna systems throughout Surrey meet the needs of residents and conform to telecommunication industry best practices. The policy provides parameters on how free-standing antenna systems should be sited and designed.
- The subject application generally complies with the current Antenna System Siting Policy No. O-62 and is therefore being presented for Council's consideration.
- The following is an evaluation of the current proposal in relation to applicable components of Policy No. O-62.

Location Preferences

- It is preferable that new antenna systems proposed on streetlights be sited along arterial and collector roads. These types of roadways are the preferred locations for poles that are taller than existing streetlight poles.
 - The applicant has proposed a streetlight pole at the northern corner of 64 Avenue and Fraser Highway, which are both arterial roadways. The proposed streetlight pole with an antenna system extension will be 14.9 metres in height. As this antenna system will be sited along an arterial roadway and across from a commercial area, it is considered to be a preferred location. An existing streetlight pole with an antenna system extension is located approximately 40 metres to the southwest.

Design Preferences

- The appropriate type of telecommunication Antenna Supporting Structure for each situation should be selected with the goal of making best efforts to blend with the nearby surroundings and minimize the visual aesthetic impacts of the Antenna System on the community. Antennas that extend above the top of a streetlight should appear to be a natural extension of the pole.
 - The applicant proposes a streetlight pole with an antenna system extension that will match the existing colour of the existing streetlight pole. The antenna system will have a circumference that aligns with the proposed streetlight pole to allow for what appears as a natural extension of the streetlight pole.
- Sight line considerations: poles and cabinets should consider "stopping sight distance" for posted speed limits on the roadway. Proposals are to follow the Transportation Association of Canada (TAC) guidelines for "stopping sight distance" requirements or as otherwise specified by the City Engineering Department.
 - The new streetlight pole will be a new pole. The proposed electrical equipment cabinet for the proposed antenna system will be located 5 metres to the south.

Public Consultation Process

- In accordance with policy No. O-62, the applicant sent out 214 notification packages on October 23, 2023, to the nearby property owners and mailing addresses within a notification area of 45 metres, which is three times the height of the proposed antenna system as required within policy No. O-62.
- The applicant and staff received one response from the Cloverdale Community Association whom had no objections to the location.

Zoning By-law

- The applicant is requesting the following variance:
 - to vary Part 4 General Provisions of the Zoning By-law to increase the maximum height of a free-standing antenna system from 12 metres to 14.9 metres.

- The proposed antenna system will have limited visual impact as it will be attached to the top of a replacement streetlight pole. The proposed location along an arterial road and on City-owned property is preferred under policy No. O-62.
- Staff support the requested variance to proceed for consideration.

INFORMATION ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

The following information is attached to this Report:

Appendix IDevelopment Variance Permit No. 7923-0266-00 (includes Site Plan, Elevations
and Perspective)Appendix IICoverage Maps

approved by Ron Gill

Don Luymes General Manager Planning and Development

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CITY OF SURREY

(the "City")

DEVELOPMENT VARIANCE PERMIT

NO.: 7923-0266-00

Issued To:	City of Surrey
	(the Owner)
Address of Owner:	13450 - 104 Avenue Surrey, BC V3T 1V8

- 1. This development variance permit is issued subject to compliance by the Owner with all statutes, by-laws, orders, regulations or agreements, except as specifically varied by this development variance permit.
- 2. This development variance permit applies to that real property including land with or without improvements located within the City of Surrey, with the legal description and civic address as follows:

Parcel Identifier: New City of Surrey light pole located within the south side of 64 Avenue road between 192 Street and Fraser Highway

(the "Land")

- 3. Surrey Zoning By-law, 1993, No. 12000, as amended is varied as follows:
 - (a) In Sub-section A.1(a)ii.b. of Part 4 General Provisions, in the case of Antenna Systems that are free-standing (affixed directly onto the ground, rather than on a building) the height is increased from 12 metres to 14.9 metres.
- 4. The siting of buildings and structures shall be in accordance with the drawings numbered 7923-0266-00(A) through to and including 7923-0266-00(E) (the "Drawings") which are attached hereto and form part of this development variance permit.
- 5. This development variance permit applies to only <u>that portion of the buildings and</u> <u>structures on the Land</u> shown on Schedule A which is attached hereto and forms part of this development variance permit. This development variance permit does not apply to additions to, or replacement of, any of the existing buildings shown on attached Schedule A, which is attached hereto and forms part of this development variance permit.

Appendix I

- 6. The Land shall be developed strictly in accordance with the terms and conditions and provisions of this development variance permit.
- This development variance permit shall lapse if the Owner does not substantially start any construction with respect to which this development variance permit is issued, within two
 (2) years after the date this development variance permit is issued.
- 8. The terms of this development variance permit or any amendment to it, are binding on all persons who acquire an interest in the Land.
- 9. This development variance permit is not a building permit.

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE COUNCIL, THE DAY OF , 20 . ISSUED THIS DAY OF , 20 .

Mayor – Brenda Locke

City Clerk – Jennifer Ficocelli



ROGERS

SITE NAME: FRASER HWY AND 64TH (POLE B)

SITE ID: W2558-B

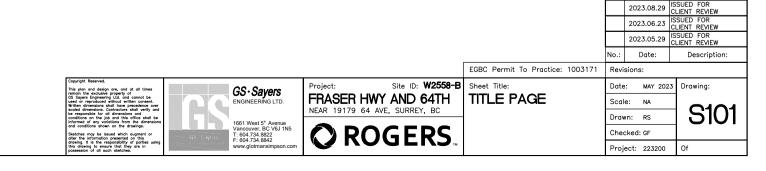
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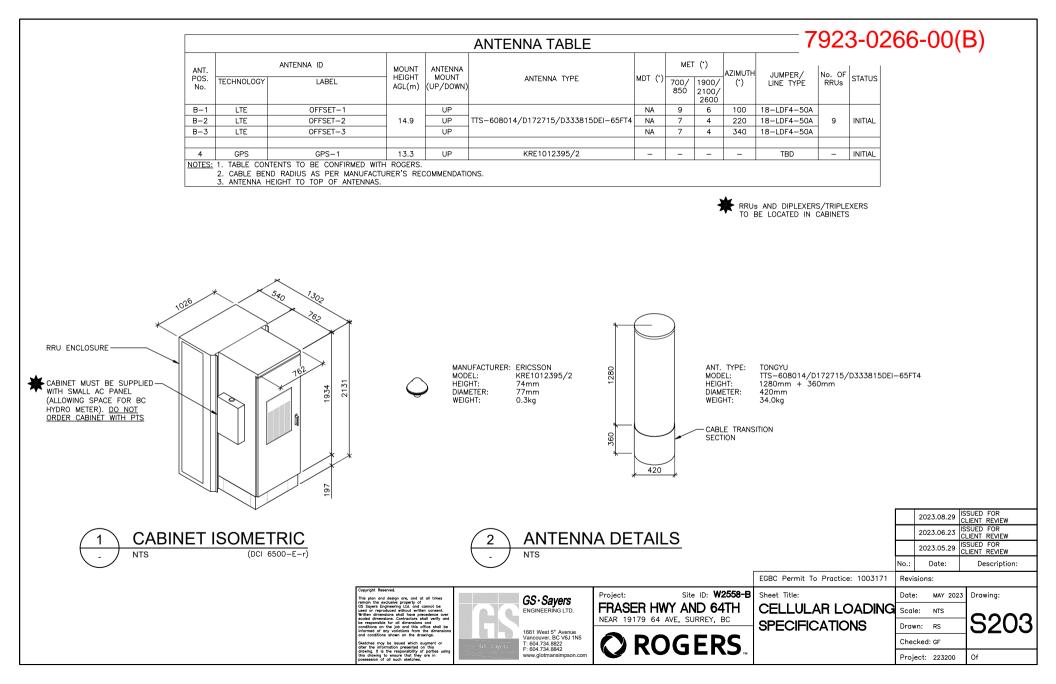
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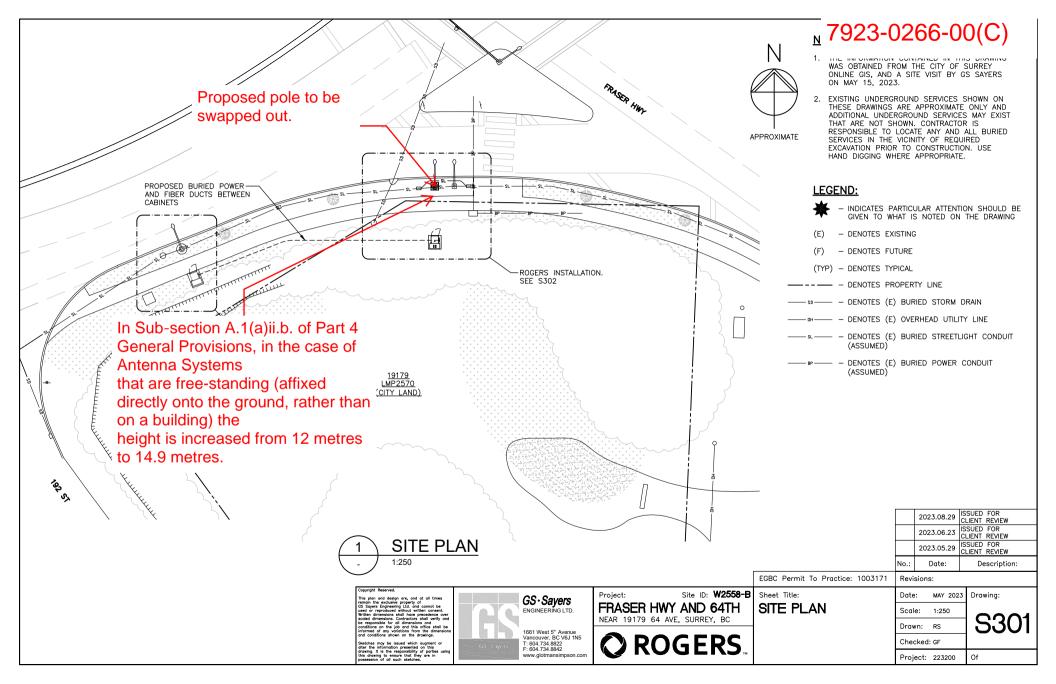
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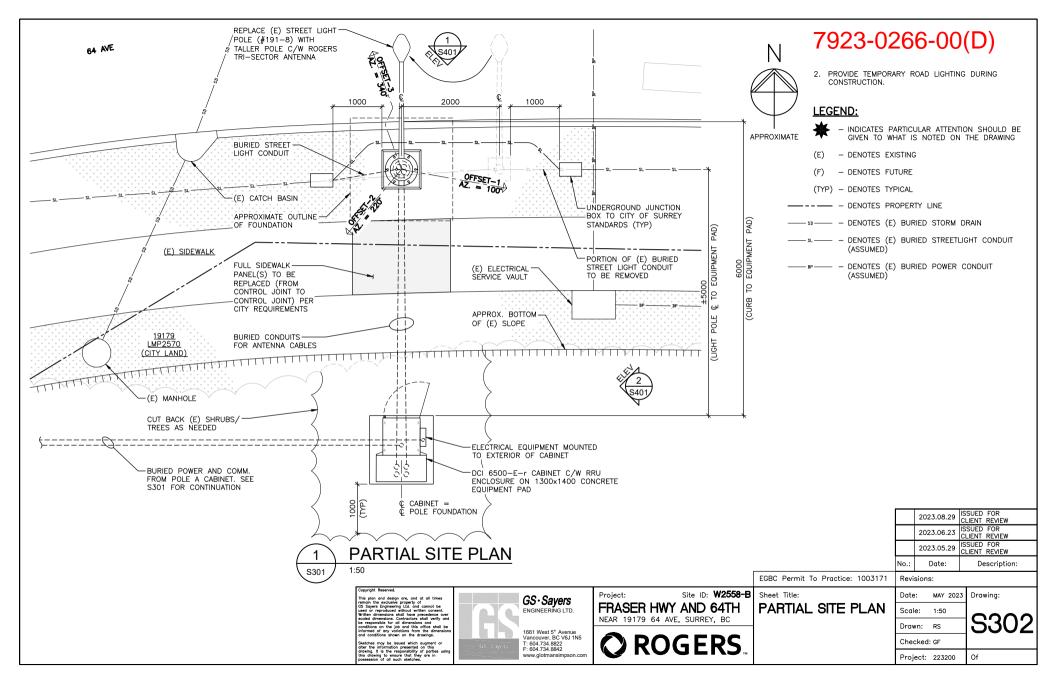
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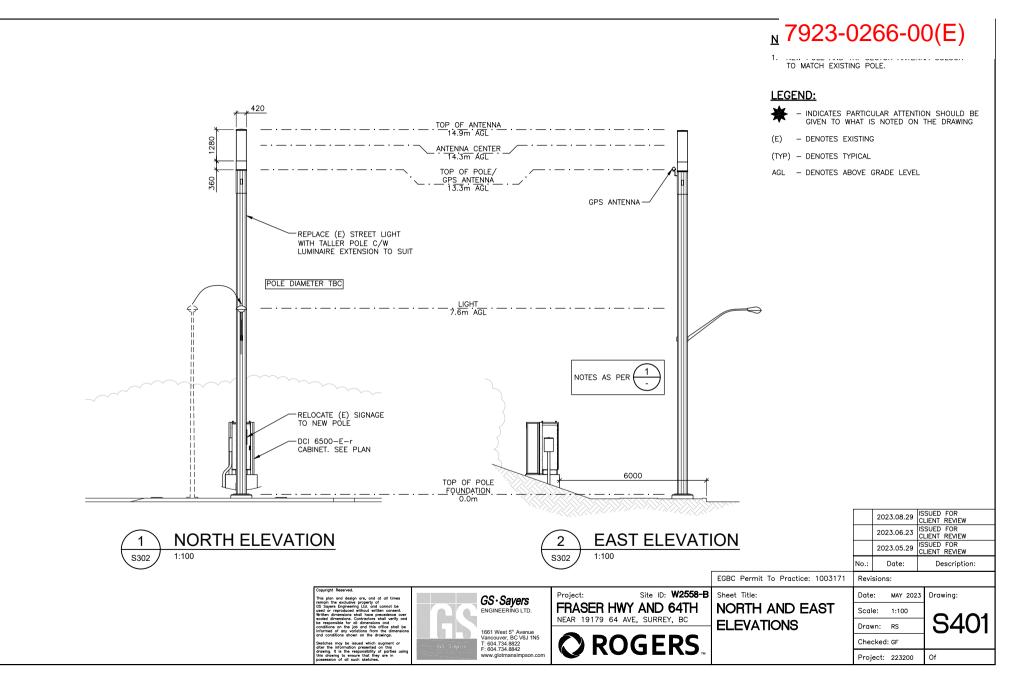




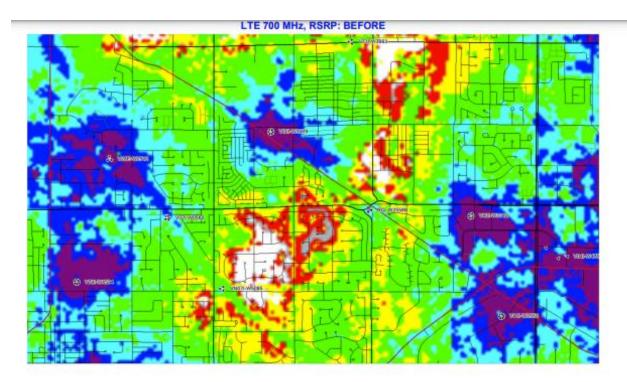








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