

Dear Neighbours, Friends and Residents of Guildwood:

This letter from Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church (the congregation) is addressed to all people resident in Guildwood. The congregation thanks the Guildwood Village Community Association for publishing the original text of this letter in its publication "Guildwood News and Views". The purpose of this letter is to provide information about how the congregation entered into a lease agreement with Bell Mobility (Bell), to clarify the facts and to state our current position.

Approximately one year ago Bell made a proposal to the congregation to lease a small parcel of land on which Bell proposes to erect a communications tower and related equipment to improve reception for Bell subscribers in Guildwood. The congregation gave careful consideration to the proposal and obtained information on telecommunications technology and related matters including health and safety, land and property, and legal and regulatory requirements.

After thoroughly reviewing this information and following the due process required by Industry Canada, the congregation decided to sign a lease agreement with Bell Mobility.

The congregation would not knowingly put our staff, members, or our neighbours young and old in any dangerous or compromising position. The installation by Bell Mobility not only follows the Health Canada mandated Safety Code 6, but also follows the City of Toronto's draft guidelines for prudent avoidance.

The congregation will not benefit financially from the lease agreement, and had decided prior to signing the lease that all income from the lease agreement will be donated to needy charitable institutions supported by the congregation.

Although not part of the required process, the congregation received assurances from Bell Mobility that neighbouring residences would be informed by Bell Mobility of the project. In addition, the congregation invited representatives of all parties interested in the proposal to attend a meeting on January 9, 2008 to exchange information, to express opinions, and to endeavour to resolve this matter to the mutual acceptance of all parties. That meeting was attended by representatives of the Guildwood Village Community Association and the City of Toronto. The congregation regrets that other parties interested in the proposal declined the invitation and did not attend the meeting. The congregation also made a deputation to the Guildwood Village Community Association executive on January 15, 2008.

The congregation is disappointed by the decision of some Guildwood Village residents to picket outside our place of worship, and to embark on a campaign of intimidation and harassment against our staff and members. We would have hoped that those in opposition to the proposal would have chosen a more measured and informed course of action.

The Bell Mobility proposal will improve the telecommunications services of residents in Guildwood who are Bell customers. The tower proposal abides by all relevant Industry Canada planning guidelines, more than respects Health Canada's safety codes and will enhance the congregation's benevolent work in the community and around the world.

Yours faithfully,

Guildwood Community Presbyterian Church

Per Clerk of Session