



Speaking Points When Engaging the Mayor and Council

We understand that for many this is a new topic, and one that raises many questions. C4ST has been working over the past year to understand how to safeguard health, and working towards solutions. Please spend some time and review www.c4st.org to ensure all of your actions are supportive.

Here are a few speaking notes to consider: what to include, avoid, and address when discussing the tower situations, especially to the Mayor and Council on an on-going basis.

Thank Council for taking the time to investigate this issue. Many do not. Councils have many, many items on their agendas. If you are given time to speak, honor the time commitments and respect the process they ask you to follow.

Recognize that there is very little authority the local council has at this time, but their pressure on Industry Canada will support our efforts to change this. Decision on placement lies with Industry Canada and the Federal Government. Currently municipalities can comment to IC, but are usually overturned

Acknowledge that the major change has to come from Industry Canada and Health Canada –

- Health Canada set the guidelines for exposure in a document called [Safety Code 6](#).
- Industry Canada then licenses the towers based on the guidelines of Safety Code 6
- Safety Code 6 is currently [under review by the Royal Society of Canada](#) (RSC). Investigative work has just resulted in the RSC Panel Chair resignation over conflict of interest allegations.

We realize this can become a very emotional topic; energy and passion is high. Keep all your comments respectful and based on the facts.

Do not talk about property values. There is no better way to get branded as NIMBY and be dismissed.

Each person who speaks should talk about what they are doing at the federal level to raise this issue. (ie sending letters to MP, Ministers of Industry and Health, as well as the PM)

If asked why you feel so strongly and still carry a cell phone... We are Canadians For **Safe** Technology, not **no** technology. We support the use of cell phones if safe procedures are followed. If you are comfortable, talk about C4ST's safety tips. <http://www.c4st.org/images/documents/C4STOnePager.pdf>

Your Council can take 4 major steps immediately that you should request:

1. Update the town/city protocol. The protocol must include towers/antennae less than 15m
2. Pass a resolution for non-concurrence at cell tower (insert location here)
3. Pass a resolution asking for Industry Canada to place a moratorium on all cell towers and antennae until Health Canada's Safety Code 6 is updated
4. Ask the Town to consider becoming a member of CRINS (Canadian Radiocommunications Information and Notification Service).