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Subject: Correspondence re: Economic and Development Services Committee Report Number ED-23-84

Friends of Second Marsh wishes to make the following comments with respect to the above report:

The City's website indicates that Second Marsh "is particularly known as an important breeding and migratory stopover area for birds" and "is of continental significance for migratory waterfowl, and a variety of other water and land birds."

Friends of Second Marsh is pleased to see that Rogers Communications Inc. has revised their initial proposal to install a 40-metre lattice tri-pole design communications tower at 900 Colonel Sam Drive to a 35-metre monopole tower. This design and the 5-metre reduction in height is preferable to the previous design.

Since the combination of Second Marsh and the McLaughlin Bay Wildlife Reserve (MBWR) form a major vector for migratory birds (water and land birds) any lighting on the tower must be designed to reduce bird collisions.

FLAP (Fatal Light Awareness Program) Canada recommends that eliminating non-flashing lights on towers can reduce energy and maintenance costs by as much as 70 percent while simultaneously reducing the likelihood of fatal bird collisions. A further requirement is that the colour of light be in the red spectrum.

Friends of Second Marsh requests that FLAP's recommendation be followed for any lighting required by NAV Canada and Transport Canada.

To create a softer, more natural presence for this use given its proximity to Second Marsh and the MBWR, Friends of Second Marsh encourages the City, through the site plan approval process, to require natural, vegetative screening of the fence and any related buildings or equipment storage areas.

Thank you.

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