

**Bulkley Valley
Community Resources Board
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Crown Land Applications
Integrated Land Management Bureau
PO Box 5000 – 3726 Alfred Ave
Smithers BC V0J 2N0

Attention: Section Head

Re: File #6408224 – Cybernet Tower Application

Dear Sir / Madame:

Please consider the following comments from the Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) regarding Cybernet's application to establish a communications tower on Hudson Bay Mountain.

The BVCRB previously commented on an earlier application by Cybernet to establish communication towers at various locations throughout the Bulkley Valley (including this one) in a letter sent to ILMB dated November 24, 2007. At that time the BVCRB expressed concerns regarding Visual Quality, Biodiversity Conservation, Water Quality associated with access trail development, and the fact that two of the towers had been developed (not this one) prior to receiving Government approval and the precedence this set by not following due process.

With regard to this specific application the BVCRB has the following concerns:

1. One of the key objectives listed for the Hudson Bay Mountain planning unit, (under the Bulkley Valley Land and Resource Management Plan) in which this tower location falls, is to maintain Visual Quality in its current form. The BVCRB does not consider the establishment of a communication tower as being compatible with this objective.
2. As with two previous towers that Cybernet applied for, this one was constructed prior to receiving approval from the Government. In addition, it was not constructed on the site that was applied for. This, in conjunction with the proponent's previous history, shows a total lack of regard for following due process. The BVCRB believes that a very dangerous precedent has been set in this case. This will be significantly compounded if the Government chooses to approve this application without receiving significant compensation from the applicant as a deterrent towards end-running the system in the future.

Government processes are in place to ensure adequate review takes place so that decisions regarding Crown Land are made in the best interests of the public. The BVCRB is very concerned about the potential negative precedent that could be set in Government's dealings with this applicant.

Yours truly,

Greg Storie
Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board