

**Bulkley Valley
Community Resources Board
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Terry Pratt
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Dear Ms. Pratt:

As you are aware, the Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (CRB) is concerned about the process followed in allowing the erection of the new Rogers communication tower on Hudson Bay Mountain. We understand that your office did not anticipate that the new tower would be taller and more visually disruptive than what existed on the ski hill at the time and that you thought that you were agreeing to a minor amendment to a lease which did not need a referral to the CRB.

The CRB would like to emphasize the importance of local input into development proposals. In this case, local community members would have recognised the significance of the tower location with respect to the Bulkley Valley Land and Resources Management Plan objective of maintaining the visual quality of the mountain view from town; we would have examined more closely the specifics of the type of tower proposed. Therefore, we request that your office flag the Ski and Ride Smithers CRA file with a notation to refer all developments not in the Master Plan to us.

Yours truly,

Greg Storie
Chair, Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board