

## REGIONAL DISTRICT OF OKANAGAN-SIMILKAMEEN BOARD POLICY

**POLICY:** Crown Land Telecommunications Public Consultation Policy

**AUTHORITY:** Board Resolution No. **B352/12** dated September 20, 2012.  
Administrative Review January 7, 2016

### **POLICY STATEMENT**

Where telecommunication towers are proposed and are subject to both Industry Canada regulations and Provincial regulations relating to the disposition of Crown land, the Regional District acknowledges and considers that the public land use consultation process required by the Province of British Columbia Land Use Operation Policy – Communication Sites will be considered adequate for the consultation process and may be used to meet the federal Industry Canada requirements provided that the application is submitted to the Regional District for review.

This policy is only applicable to:

1. towers proposed or located on Crown lands by a public utility
2. land where there are no permanent or seasonal residents, institutions, businesses or other user groups within a radius of three times the height of the tower.

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of the policy is to streamline the referral process for industry and staff of communication towers eliminating the duplicative requirements of senior government with respect to public land use consultation.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

The referrals will be processed by the Planning department and may include consultation with other departments as necessary.