

RE: LETTER FROM MR. AND MRS. GILPIN WHICH APPEARED ON THE AGENDA FOR  
THE MARCH 05TH MEETING OF COUNCIL (CORRESPONDENCE ITEM 2)  
TRANSMISSION DISHES - ROGERS CANTEL TOWER EATON CENTRE  
METROTOWN - R.Z. NO. 99/87

MUNICIPAL MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE Director Planning & Building  
Inspection be adopted.

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TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1990 MARCH 06  
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION  
SUBJECT: TRANSMISSION DISHES - ROGERS CANTEL TOWER  
EATON CENTRE METROTOWN - R.Z. #99/87

PURPOSE: To respond to a complaint concerning the aesthetics and legality  
of transmission dishes at the top of the Rogers Cantel Tower at  
Eaton Centre Metrotown.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to A. and B. Gilpin,  
4549 Watling Street, Burnaby, B.C. V5J 1V9.

R E P O R T

This report is in response to a letter from A. and B. Gilpin that appeared on  
the 1990 March 05 Council agenda. The letter writers have registered objec-  
tions to aesthetically questionable large "white telephone dishes" on top of  
the prominent Rogers Cantel Tower at Eaton Centre Metrotown. A question has  
also been raised as to the legality of these "dish" installations.

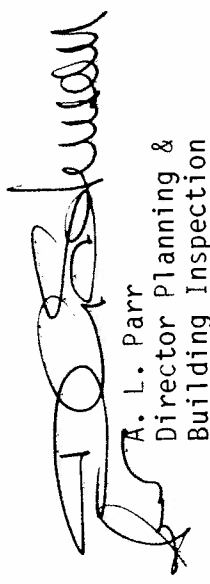
In reply, this department would state that the two dishes visible above the  
office tower were installed without permits and no application has been  
received to date for this purpose. A previous Preliminary Plan Approval  
application was received, processed, and approved for an enlargement of the  
tower mechanical penthouse to accommodate further equipment required by Rogers  
Cablevision but this was accomplished by providing an architecturally-  
integrated enclosure compatible with the forms, exterior materials and colours  
used on the rest of the building.

The dishes are considered obtrusive and unsightly and there is reason to believe that additional dishes may be contemplated. The second Eaton Centre office tower is under construction and a rezoning application for the third office tower has just been received. This triplet grouping of very tall office towers at a high-point of land in Metrotown will constitute a key landmark feature, evident today even with just the one tower, for Burnaby and indeed from a regional perspective. It is important that proper enclosure or screening compatible with and complementary to the building design be instituted for any external elements added to the buildings. **117**

This department has brought this matter to the attention of the owner/developer of the Rogers Cantel Tower and will be pursuing this matter in order to rectify the current situation concerning the unauthorised dishes, to determine whether or not any additional antenna installations can be accommodated in a way which will not compromise the architectural quality of the buildings under their approved CD zoning, and to ensure that proper approval procedures are followed for any such installations, including the achievement of integral screening in keeping with the building design.

This is for the information of Council.

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A. L. Parr  
Director Planning &  
Building Inspection