

ITEM 19  
MANAGER'S REPORT NO. 67  
COUNCIL MEETING 90/11/05

TO: MUNICIPAL MANAGER 1990 NOVEMBER 01  
FROM: DIRECTOR PLANNING & BUILDING INSPECTION  
SUBJECT: ENQUIRY REGARDING ROGERS CANTEL TOWER  
EATON CENTRE METROTOWN  
REZONING REFERENCE #99/87  
PURPOSE: To respond to correspondence concerning the Rogers Cantel Tower at Eaton Centre Metrotown.

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RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT a copy of this report be sent to A. & B. Gilpin, 4549 Watling Street, Burnaby, B.C., V5J 1V9; Rogers Cablesystems Inc., Suite 1600 - 4710 Kingsway, Burnaby, B.C. V5H 4M5; and Cambridge Shopping Centres Ltd., 95 Wellington Street West, Suite 300, Toronto, Ontario, M5J 2R2.

R E P O R T

This report is in response to an item of correspondence on this agenda dated 1990 October 19 from A. and B. Gilpin. Further to previous correspondence from the same writers to Council and a report received by Council at its meeting of 1990 March 12, the letter writers express their continued objections to the fact that the transmission dishes on top of the Rogers Cantel Tower have not yet been screened, that even more dishes have been added, and that lighted signage on top of the tower is being requested.

This department has continued to emphasize to Rogers Cablesystems Inc. the need to screen as soon as possible the obtrusive and unsightly transmission dishes installed without permission on top of the Rogers Cantel Tower in an integral architecturally-compatible manner. A number of discussions have taken place with Rogers Cablesystems Inc. representatives and at present Rogers is pursuing a screening solution which would enlarge the mechanical penthouse to enclose the transmission dishes. Rogers has spent some time in technical tests of a special "Spectra" fabric which would be placed within the screen directly in front of the actual dishes. While Rogers would like to construct this screening structure after the winter, some time in March or April, this department due to the delay to date will request that the screening be provided as soon as possible. Resolution of this matter is being pursued as a high priority.

With respect to a rezoning application (RZ #41/90) by Rogers Cantel desiring to place large lighted signs on top of the Rogers Cantel Tower, Council considered an initial rezoning report on this subject at its meeting of 1990 August 13. At that time, the matter was referred back to staff for a further report to respond to concerns expressed by Council regarding sky signs. Further discussions have also been pursued with the applicant to determine whether a sky sign proposal sensitive to the context of the area could be achieved, supportable for further advancement. To date, such a supportable proposal has not been achieved.

This is for the information of Council.

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