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Re: Proposed installation of a communications facility at 084231 Southgate road 08.

To whom it may concern:

Concern #1

I have seen the stakes in the ground for this proposed installation. They are barely off the road allowance. Based on past experience, there is no way that the township would let me build anything that close to the road allowance and I have paid taxes in this township for over 50 years.

Concern # 2 (my main concern)

If this installation goes ahead, the tower will be within 200 feet of Cleason Martin's house. According to several websites I have checked, the minimum separation is 240 metres or 6 times the height of the tower: in this case 270 metres. I find it hard to believe that the township or Xplore inc. would consider building a lightning magnet so close to a residence. I have seen what happens when lightning strikes the tallest object in the vicinity and travels in the ground. I have photos of 11 dead cows that were 80 yards away from the nearest tree when lightning struck that tree. Xplore inc. will argue that the tower will be properly grounded, but when that tower is hit with a 200 million volt lightning strike, the electrical energy has to go somewhere.

I received the letter from FB connect on Nov. 1st. On Nov. 4th I went to see Cleason about this letter. My question was, and I quote "I got this letter on Friday about a tower and I'm just wondering what's up with that?" Cleason's reply was, and I quote "I got that letter too and I'm not sure what that's all about". Apparently Xplore inc. was in to see him and wanted to build the tower behind his barn. He would not let them do that but told them to check the front of his property but stay off the workable land. They put stakes in the ground in front of his house and left. He was going to pull them out when the township put their sign beside them and he didn't think he should pull out a township sign.

Please be aware that I am not against a communication tower in the area. It would be nice to have better cell and internet service. I just think they need to put it in a much safer place for Cleason's sake.

Yours truly,

