

Request for Decision Natural Resource Operations Referral

File No: P 151 200
Reference: 556050
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Subject: Crown Land Licence of Occupation – Tie Lake / South Kountry Cable Ltd.
Applicant: South Kountry Cable Ltd.
Agent: Ric Behan
Location: Tie Lake Shore Rd N, Tie Lake
Legal: Block H, Kootenay District, except Plan 4090, that part Block H described as exception 13 (see DD34958i and Plan X23) and except Plan NEP77520

Proposal: A Crown land licence of occupation application for a telecommunication site. The proposal is to run a new underground fibre optic cable line from Tie Lake through Crown land.

Options:

1. THAT the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development be advised the RDEK supports the South Kountry Cable Ltd. Crown Land Licence of Occupation for a telecommunication site in the Tie Lake area.
2. THAT the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development be advised the RDEK does not support the South Kountry Cable Ltd. Crown Land Licence of Occupation for a telecommunication site in the Tie Lake area.
3. THAT the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development be advised the RDEK supports the South Kountry Cable Ltd. Crown Land Licence of Occupation for a telecommunication site in the Tie Lake area, subject to ALC approval.

Recommendation: Option #3

The proposed improvements are within an existing utility corridor and wireless communication facilities are an identified permitted use within the subject area. Once completed there will be minimal visual evidence of the proposed cable line in the area. An ALC approval for the construction of a utility corridor is required for land within the ALR.

**Property
Information:**

Land Use Designation: Multiple - RR-60, Rural Resource Zone, minimum parcel size: 60 ha; and P-1, Public Institutional Zone. Wireless communication facilities are permitted in both zones.

Land Use Objectives:

- To respect and protect those attributes that contribute to the rural quality of life that makes the area attractive as a place to live and recreate.
- To maintain the high quality visual attributes of the area.

**Property
Information -
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Parcel Size: area under application approx. 1.15 ha (2.84 ac)

Density: N/A

ALR Status: Within. An application for construction of a utility corridor use is required for land within the ALR.

BC Assessment: Residential (Vacant)

Water / Sewer Services: N/A

Interface Fire Hazard Rating: Low to high; not in a fire protection area

Flood Hazard Rating: Floodplain regulations do not apply to proposed development as the proposal does not include a floor system supporting any space or room.

**Crown Land
Management
Plans:**

The Cranbrook West Recreation Management Plan identifies the subject area as motorized in snow free months and Ungulate winter range: Motorized use on roads and identified travel corridors only in winter months.

**Lake Management
Plans:**

N/A

**Shoreline
Management
Guidelines:**

N/A

**Additional
Information:**

- The referral states that the project involves the installation of 50mm DBII duct through excavation. The ducting will tie into previously installed duct work owned by the applicants on the south end of the proposal area. Phase two will involve fiber optic line being pulled into the ducts.
- The referral states that the federal government has issued new mandates for internet connections to residential properties. The community of Tie Lake is currently underserved by these new standards. By running a new fibre optic line from Tie Lake through tenured Crown land the applicants can tie into their existing fire optic plant.
- The referral states that the proposed route offers the shortest, most direct access to get the infrastructure through, it is the same route that BC Hydro currently uses to run their utilities to service the same area, and it is easily accessible from the existing roadway.

Consultation:

APC Area B: Support.

**Documents
Attached:**

- Location Map
- Proposal

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