

Sous toutes reserves – Without prejudice

Dear Mrs. Worth,

I have just seen your press release and would like to bring to your attention a couple of errors. I know this is a very sensitive issue and I'm certain you would not want incorrect information published out of your office.

The first sentence starts: "Following the installation of a telecommunication antenna at the St. Barnabas Church.....". Well let me point out that in fact the construction has not even started yet. The only thing that has been done so far is a bit of excavation, and basically nothing more has been done in the last week. As you know, I live in close proximity to the Church so I am aware of the physical work being done. I guess someone has given you some incorrect information.

The release further goes on to say " A public consultation meeting was held on September 2010." Again this is an error which I'm certain you'd like to be made aware of, as your name is associated with it. In fact what transpired on Sept. 7, 2010 was that, at the end of the "Seance ordinaire du conseil d'arrondissement ", "A period of questions has been held on point 40.17 regarding the application for conditional use for 12301 Colin Street, point which has been postponed for a next sitting."

It is true that we were promised the public consultation meeting, as is required by Industry Canada's guidelines (CPC-2-0-03). However, neither it nor the public notification as required by item 4.2 of same document were ever done.

I personally attended the public consultation meeting last night in Pointe Claire over the proposed Beck Park cell tower, as I had been anticipating attending our own, which unfortunately never took place. We compared notes with interested citizens in a similar position to our own and try to learn from them and they from us. The media people are constantly buzzing around trying to obtain information from us, and have indicated they're in this for the long haul, and our people have already made them aware that we never had a public consultation meeting.

Our group wonders why we in Pierrefonds are not afforded the same rights as our confreres in Pointe Claire. Oh well, at least I now know what a public consultation meeting is like, as I have personally experienced one.

We must be careful about what is said to the public. The priest from St. Barnabas Church has already been quoted in the West Island Gazette that "a public meeting was held in September over the issue." Such false statements make our already-difficult task even more difficult. After all we are in this together and must be

vigilant not to provide our adversary with ammunition, even though it may be by error.

We are going to go to the media to clarify this situation to the public, and I only find it fair to advise you in advance so that you may retract or correct these two points. As I said earlier, this is a very sensitive issue, and these two errors are of vital importance as they touch the core of our case.

We are confident we can count on your cooperation in rectifying this matter, and would ask that in future perhaps public statements made from your office be verified before release. As some of my confreres have said : "We're not going away. We're in it for the long haul". It risks being a long journey, our group is already extremely upset and disappointed, and now they're feeling betrayed (you may have seen some comments in the papers). I have assured them that this instance is surely an error.

I leave this in good hands with you, and trust that you will advise us of your intentions in the near future, as this war is starting to be fought out in public, and our people are eager to get this clarified in short order, as they feel it has damaged our cause enough already.

Yours truly,

A resident of Pierrefonds-Roxboro who lives in proximity of St Barnabas Church
(on behalf of the anti-St. Barnabas cell tower group)