

# The Valhalla Society

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Mr. Darren Entwistle, President & CEO  
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Re: Public Protest of RFR / TELUS Mast

Dear Mr. Entwistle,

Telus and the CBC are soon to become involved in considerable controversy due to their oppressive actions that are hazardous to public health. This is something about which you may have no information. For this reason, I write to you directly.

In order to properly frame the controversy, ask yourselves what do thalidomide, asbestos and tobacco have in common? All were long allowed for public use by health authorities. And now — in connection with cell phone use — the same situation prevails while a huge body of scientific evidence in Britain, Europe and Asia points to strong linkages between tumours of many kinds, brain cancer, leukemia, and cell phone transmissions and usage. (See attached.)

This issue has come into focus in the Village of New Denver, British Columbia, a small town in the Kootenay Mountains, where a majority of residents are protesting the installation of a cell phone transmitter on the CBC tower in a residential area. At a public meeting, an overflow crowd protested the installation, citing substantial scientific studies in Britain and Sweden. Telus spokespersons at the meeting professed no knowledge of any hazard but were not interested in documentation. On two occasions Telus spokesperson Shawn Hall referred to the studies as “junk science” and later as “esoteric science”.

It was aggravating to a majority of the residents, 260 of whom signed a petition against the installation. In spite of this opposition, Telus decided to go ahead with the installation. The letter by Brock Enderton claims there is no other suitable site, but also admits that Telus does not want to lose the costs they've invested thus far in the existing location. Imagine the reaction of villagers who are aware that Telus spends millions on advertising.

Telus held up the installation for approximately 57 days — far too little time for adequate research, documentation, and identification of alternatives. The Village Council itself has expressed grave concerns about Telus's plan to install the transmitter.

In consequence of the highhanded attitude exhibited by Telus in this situation, many village residents, as well as several existing local organizations, are joining together to consider the actions necessary to publicize in every public forum and media outlet available to it Telus's indifference to legitimate health concerns and the will of a majority of town residents. In addition, steps are being taken to see what legal proceedings can be initiated.

Take a look at the (representative) concerns suggested in the attached material; read a large body of reports on our website; read, as well, as a primer the book *Cell Phones: Invisible Hazards in the Wireless Age* by Dr. George Carlo (public health doctor, scientist, epidemiologist and lawyer), and consult the various Swedish, British, German, French, Dutch and other websites listed there to make your own determination whether it is all simply “junk science”.

Regardless of your decision on the growing evidence, the issue is plain: a majority of the Village residents do not want cell phone facilities here, but Telus arrogantly ignores them and insists it will proceed, resting on the limited findings by Health Canada. Permit yourself to consider how many decades Health Canada’s policies lagged behind the available research on numerous dangers to public health, only coming forward with prohibitions after the damage had reached catastrophic proportions. The World Health Organization has recently reconsidered its approval of RFR usage and is opening research into the subject due to worldwide reports.

When the health hazards begin to manifest in actual illnesses, the question before the courts and juries (not to mention the court of public opinion) will be how much knowledge of these hazards did the companies purveying this technology have, and when did they receive notice of it?

The degree of public outrage felt over the Telus position in the New Denver area has already led to residents canceling Telus services in protests. You may anticipate a considerable reaction in the public forums once the facts of our experience and concerns are made known.

I enclose for your consideration the following material:

1. Cell Phone Technology: Public Health Facts and Concerns – A fact sheet by local residents currently being distributed in New Denver by local residents.
2. Summary of a Public Hearing held in Jersey, Channel Islands, UK, 26 Feb 2007.
3. International Association of Fire Fighters: Position on Health Effects from Radio Frequency/Microwave Radiation (See our website for full back-up research of the foregoing document.)
4. Cancer Clusters around Cell Phone Transmitting Stations — an information sheet by the Valhalla Society.
5. Electro-Magnetic Radiation – a Toxin? Medical Professional’s Package: Table of Contents. Full contents available on our website August 24, 2007.
6. UK Newspaper Report 8 July 2007, The Independent: Two in three believe Radiation from phones damaged their health. Poll by European Union of 27,000 users.

Lastly, as to what you should know, take a good look at the photos in the pictorial section starting on page 143 in Dr. Carlo’s book (previously cited), especially the comparison between the degree of radiation penetration of the brains of an adult, a 10-year-old child and a 5-year-old child. See, too, the brain tumour photo on the following page.

We believe that this communication puts you on official notice of the substantive public objection to the Telus profit-at-any-cost policy in the face of our endeavor to document the actual hazards generated by your product. I say this to make it perfectly clear that a manufacturer or purveyor is not excused from responsibility for promulgating products

hazardous to health and life because they relied on some authority or body that informed them that the product and its uses were safe, *not when a large body of opposing science insists it is hazardous*. There are people's lives that are in the balance, a factor that doesn't lend itself to a selective reading of the opposing science, or to a disregard of it because it is inimical to your company's profit concerns.

Consider that, in the face of this standing contradiction, the residents of New Denver refuse the installation of a cell phone facility, as they are well aware of the growing worldwide repudiation of these devices, but Telus intends to ram it down their throats, refusing even to remove it to outside the Village due to pecuniary concerns and refusing to allow any further delay notwithstanding the village majority's strong opposition. Consider, too, that after all this history Telus's Shawn Hall stated on the CBC that Telus had a "huge" demand from New Denver residents for cell-phones and thus Telus was proceeding. This, evidently, represents the type of tactics Telus undertakes – which in these circumstances, amount to gross misrepresentation in order to override public concern.

We ask whether you are deaf and blind to these issues, now that they are brought to your attention. We address you in the belief that the entire situation, rife with the potential for legal proceedings, presents a dismal portrait of Telus as to its actual concern for the public will and welfare. No matter who lends you excuses and justifications, the science you could be ignoring is actually capable of gravely injuring Telus, as well as the public health, if you ignore all the issues by promulgating your product at any cost.

I hope to hear from you at the earliest possible moment as to your company's position in the light of the material we make available in this communication and our website.

Sincerely,

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Special Representative, Legal Affairs

Cc: Mr. Robert Rabinovitch, President & CEO  
Canadian Broadcasting Corporation

Press:  
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Health Canada Media  
Stephen Hume, Vancouver Sun  
Jan McMurray, Editor, The Valley Voice  
Bob Hall, Editor, Nelson Daily News

Tony Clement, Federal Minister of Health  
Dr. David Butler-Jones, Chief Public Safety Officer  
Sharon Watts, President and CEO, Hazardous Materials Information Commission  
Wendy Sexmith, Chief Scientist, Health Canada

## **Preliminary List of Scientific Reports and Information Sheets on Valhalla Society website.**

1. Cell Phone Technology  
Public Health Facts and Concerns (August, 2007) (4 pages)
2. UK Newspaper Report 8 July 2007, The Independent: Two in three believe Radiation from phones damaged their health. Poll by European Union of 27,000 users. (2 pages)
3. Summary of Public Hearing  
Jersey, Channel Islands, UK (26<sup>th</sup> February, 2007) (6 pages)
4. Cancer and Cell Phone Emissions  
Information Sheet by The Valhalla Society (August, 2007) (3 pages)
5. Letter to CEOs: Telus and the CBC  
The Valhalla Society Legal Affairs (August 20, 2007) (2 pages)
6. Letter to CEOs: Telus and the CBC  
Healthy Housing Society, New Denver (August 16, 2007) (2 pages)
7. Report: International Association of Fire-Fighters  
Division on Occupational Health, Safety and Medicine and citations (30 pages)
8. Trent University, Ontario: Magda Havas, B.Sc., Ph.D.  
Health Effects Associated with Radio Frequency Radiation and citations  
(11 pages)
9. The Influence of Being Physically Near to a Cell Phone Transmission Mast on the Incidence of Cancer  
Eger, Hagen, Lucas, Vogel, Voit, (translated from German) with extensive citations (7 pages)
10. European Physicians' View on Wireless Technology  
(See also The Bamberg Institute cited therein) (3 pages)
11. Listing of many Research Studies on Radio Frequency / Microwave Radiation  
(67 detailed citations) (5 pages)
12. Listing (31) Associations against Radio Frequency Radiation and Cellular Phones  
US, Canada, Australia, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Japan, Luxembourg, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Untied Kingdom. (6 pages)
13. Chicago Sun Times Article  
Stan Cox (August 12, 2007) (7 pages)
14. Electro-Magnetic Radiation – a Toxin?  
Medical Practitioner's Information Package – Extensive compilation of studies.  
Full contents available on our website August 24, 2007