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Are you aware that current federal regulations allow the newest telecommunication technologies - microcells, small cell towers, and 5G transmitters - to be placed on existing structures like utility poles without any public consultation? It is imperative that municipal governments become aware of the aesthetic design, health, and safety implications of these technologies.

At this September's UBCM you will be invited to vote on a resolution which promotes local authority and public consultation in microcell placement. Why is this important? Microcells lay the groundwork for new technologies to come – 5G, smart cities, and a proliferation of artificial intelligence. *Now* is the time for local governments to become equal partners in the shaping of the technological future of their communities, making measured choices that consider local concerns and preserve the public's right to transparent and accountable government.

Recently, the federal *Standing Committee on Environment and Sustainable Development* has recommended major changes to the Environmental Protection Act. Recommendation 62 calls for Health Canada and Environment and Climate Change Canada to conduct studies on the effects of electromagnetic radiation on biota and **review the adequacy of the current guidelines provided in Safety Code 6.**

Educate yourself on this issue. (You will find a short fact sheet attached.) Study the resolution below. Draw on the spirit of the theme of this year's UBCM Convention: **Roots to Results - considering the increasing leadership of local government in matters of federal and**

provincial jurisdiction, and assert your right to have a say in where microcell towers are located on our streets,

Signed: _____

Address: _____

Resolution to be voted on at the September 25-29, 2017 UBCM Convention:

MOTION of Grand Forks City Council:

WHEREAS public consultation on the placement of cell towers is mandated; and

WHEREAS new technology is moving away from these large towers to microtransmitters which do not require local government or public consultation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the AKBLG request the UBCM petition relevant provincial and federal governments to mandate consultation with the land use authorities and the public regarding microcell transmitter siting within 100 meters of residences, schools and hospitals."