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Rachel Blaney
Member of Parliament
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cc: John Macdonald, mayor of Sayward
Tom Yates, corporate officer Strathcona Regional District

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re: cellular phone service on north island highways

Dear Ms. Blaney,

You will recall our most recent conversation regarding the follow-up to our petition for action on cellular phone service on highway 19 north of Campbell River. At that time I understood that you believed that the completion of the round island fibre optic cable would be a necessary or at least useful precondition to service on the highway.

At that time you suggested that I might be able to find some authoritative person(s) who would be able to convince you that all the preliminary infrastructure is in place to allow completion of this service well before the fibre optic cable is in place.

I have spoken with John MacDonald (mayor of Sayward) and Tom Yates (corporate officer Strathcona Regional District) and asked that they might communicate with you regarding this matter. I am hoping that this might have already happened.

I believe that there is already a fibre optic cable connection from Campbell River to Port Hardy. It could only be a matter of constructing more towers connected to this infrastructure to provide service to travelers on the highway.

I have heard that it is possible that Telus is expecting to undertake this project in the near future. On January 8 I sent the attached letter to Aurora Sekela @ Telus.com requesting some information regarding their plans. To date I have not received a reply.

I appreciate your help on this issue to date and hope that you will be able to assist us further with this.

Yours truly,

Alex Turner