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## **Information Update for the BCARCC Annual General Meeting**

### **Industry Canada Lower Mainland District Office**

#### **Antenna Support Structures**

- Industry Canada Pacific Region (BC and Yukon) was involved with three dispute resolution processes as defined in CPC 2-0-03. All three concerned commercial towers with locations in New Denver, Langley and Victoria.
- Industry Canada intervened prior to two potential impasse cases of amateur radio towers in Saanich, BC.
- Amateur clients with antenna support structures should continue to follow the requirements in CPC 2-0-03

#### **Enforcement Issues**

- The Lower Mainland District Office issued several Contraventions Act Tickets for contraventions to the Radiocommunication Act and Regulations.
- No Contraventions Act Tickets were issued to authorized amateur radio operators.
- Modified amateur radio equipment continues to be a concern as a source of interference to licensed commercial use. All Pacific Region offices participate in road check activity as one method to address this concern.
- General public interference calls with the suspected source from a neighbour's radio installation are referred to self help material. Very low volume (10 to 20 calls) for this type of interference.

#### **Emergency Telecom**

- Industry Canada performed inspections of Provincial Emergency Program facilities in 2008/9 including associated amateur radio equipment installation and did not find any major discrepancies. These types of inspections will continue to ensure compliance.
- "Emergency" is used in section 48 of Radiocommunication Regulations. Definition of emergency occurs in several Acts including the *Emergencies Act* for national emergencies. Generally, there has to be a declaration of an emergency situation by a responsible authority.

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