

VE7SCK Update 7

There's a lot going on with VE7SCK at the moment and we'll use this post to keep you up-to-date. First of all, recall that:

- Last year, we installed the VE7SCK at the [Fire Hall in Roberts Creek](#). Because the antenna is so low, the coverage is very minimal, but we simply wanted to get a foot in the door for when the new tower is installed.
- A few weeks later, we [changed to tone](#) to match VE7RXZ and updated the coordination information.
- Here are [some pictures](#) of the current install.

Update from Nov 21:

- Recently, the new TELUS [tower was approved](#), and
- We started working with the engineer to submit a proposal to TELUS to have our antenna moved to the upcoming tower.
- Today, our club approved the purchase of a [Comprod 4-bay colinear folded dipole](#) antenna (contingent on TELUS approval), and the immediate purchase of equipment to link VE7SCK to VE7RXZ.
- Members can look at the full details in the [minutes](#).

Update from Nov 27:

- Good news! TELUS has approved the antennas on the tower. The plan changed a little bit (for the better) and it's to have the UHF repeater antenna at 35m (115ft) and VHF yagi at 25m (82ft).
- No news yet on when this will all happen.
- In the meantime, Robert and Patrick will start working on linking VE7SCK to VE7RXZ (which we can do with the existing setup).

Update from Jan 3:

- I haven't heard any official news but it looks like they're starting to clear up the area around the existing tower.



Update from Jan 31:

- Looks like they've poured the concrete foundation for the new tower.



Update from Feb 09:

- Looks like the Telus radio room is on the foundation.



Update from Mar 05:

- Tower is up!





Update from Mar 25:

- Looks like they started installing Firehall antennas. There's two VHF antennas and one 800MHz  Yagi.
- Ours are not up yet.



Update from April 18:

- Our antennas are up and the coax is run to the radio room, but not terminated. Don from Island Communications will come over in a month or so to do the connection. We can't do it ourselves because it's LMR600.