

Town of Halton Hills
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MINUTES
COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, MARCH 31, 2014

9. COUNCIL DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

A. Pete Fendley, President of Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) was present and made a presentation to Council regarding Motion – Opposing the Phase-out of Residential Door-to-Door Postal Delivery.

(Refer to Item 14A of these minutes)

P. Fendley noted that he supports the resolution. The continuation of door-to-door postal delivery will maintain local jobs and will continue to assist Seniors and those with disabilities. He further noted that on April 1st Canada Post will raise the price of postage by one-third, yet there continues to be issues with mail delivery. Many residents have voiced their concerns about not receiving daily mail delivery. P. Fendley advised that those with mail delivery issues can call Canada Post's 1-800 number, contact their local post office, or log on to www.canadapost.ca to voice their concerns.

P. Fendley, on behalf of the local union, encouraged all residents to support the Mayor's resolution to maintain door-to-door postal delivery.

PETITIONS / COMMUNICATIONS/MOTIONS

A. Opposition to the Phase-out of Residential Door-to-Door Postal Delivery
Resolution No. 2014-0070

Moved by: Mayor R. Bonnette

Seconded by: Councillor C. Somerville

WHEREAS Canada Post has announced its intention to phase-out residential door-to-door postal delivery in Canada calling into question the stability of Canada's postal system;

AND WHEREAS municipalities in Canada have a direct interest in the security and stability of Canada's postal system to ensure a reliable method of delivering communications to their residents;

AND WHEREAS this phase-out will have a significant impact on communities across Canada, especially for senior citizens and disabled persons;

AND WHEREAS the proposed change to the use of community mailboxes for residential postal delivery, through the elimination of door-to-door delivery, would entail the downloading of responsibilities, costs, and liabilities to local municipalities, including requirements for municipal land and rights-of-way, infrastructure such as paving and lighting, and policing related to vandalism, graffiti and mail theft;

AND WHEREAS this fundamental change to Canada's communications system is unprecedented in the G7 countries and has been announced in the absence of any meaningful consultation with local municipalities, Canada Post customers or

postal workers;

THEREFORE IF BE RESOLVED THAT the Council for the Town of Halton Hills ask the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request that the Federal Government direct Canada Post to maintain the current system of residential door-to-door postal delivery in Canada:

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to forward this resolution to Michael Chong, M.P. for Wellington Halton; and to other municipalities in Canada for whom contact information is readily available, requesting favourable consideration of this resolution to FCM.

Recorded Vote:

In favour: Mayor R. Bonnette, Councillors Lawlor, Fogal, Hurst, Inglis, Johnson, Kentner, Lewis, O'Leary, Robson, Somerville

Opposed: Nil

CARRIED