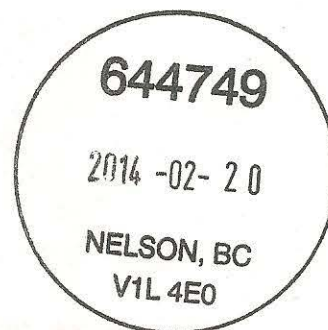




CITY OF NELSON



February 18, 2014

Sent by email to steven.fletcher@parl.gc.ca and via regular mail thereafter

Hon. Steven Fletcher
Minister of State (Transport)
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Fletcher,

Re: Canada Post to Phase Out Home Delivery

At the February 3rd Regular Council meeting, Nelson City Council reviewed Canada's Five Point Action Plan whereby home delivery of post across the country will be phased out beginning in late 2014. Council also reviewed the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) recent communiqués regarding this plan.

Council discussed the deep impact this plan will have on the City of Nelson and resolved to write to Canada Post and convey Council's concerns as follows:

- The plan results in the loss of vital jobs in our small rural region of BC;
- While there may be limited advantages in eliminating home delivery in an urban area; Nelson is a compact small mountainous community where home delivery service has proven to be economically viable;
- The geography (steepness) of our mountainous municipality makes walking for seniors to group boxes challenging; most especially in winter months;
- Driving to collect mail from community mailboxes goes against general principles of sustainability which our municipality strongly advocates;

The City of Nelson shares the FCM's concerns about the rising costs for service in rural and remote areas as well as service to our an aging population that relies on mail delivery for essential mail; especially during winter months.

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The demographics; geographies and economies of Canadian municipalities vary enormously throughout Canada. The City of Nelson respectfully urges Canada Post to reconsider its Five Point Action Plan and consult with Canadian municipalities before phasing out home delivery services. Council also requests that Canada Post carefully considers the needs of centers that have high volumes and are proven to be economically viable and sustainable; especially in rural communities found in British Columbia and northern Canada.

Yours truly,

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