Minutes of the Regular Meeting of City Council Held Monday, April 28, 2014

Res. #2014-215(a):Moved by Councillor Bain, seconded by Councillor Mendicino **Whereas** the City of North Bay believes that Canada Post and the services provided including mail delivery are an integral part of life to all residents within the City of North Bay;

And Whereas the post offices and the services they provide in Small, Rural and Northern communities have become a part of the fabric of our way of life and are essential to the socioeconomic wellbeing of our communities;

And Whereas local governments in Canada have a direct financial interest in the security and stability of Canada's postal system, to ensure reliable communications with ratepayers and certainly in the timely payment of taxes and other fees:

And Whereas Canada Post, a consistently profitable crown corporation, has announced its intention to eliminate residential door-to-door mail delivery in Canada, calling into question the stability of Canada's postal system, the certainty of communications and payments, and the reliability of business transactions;

And Whereas the City of North Bay recognizes the growing importance of accessibility, along with an increasing proportion of the population being seniors and the importance of residential door-to-door delivery for the segments of the population;

And Whereas the City of North Bay experiences harsher winters than other areas in the country making neighbourhood mailboxes less accessible compared to other jurisdictions, further adding to the importance of residential door-to-door delivery in our community;

And Whereas this fundamental change in Canada's communication system is unprecedented in the G7 countries and has been announced in the absence of any meaningful consultation with local government, Canada Post customers or postal workers;

Therefore Be It Resolved the City of North Bay request that the Federal Government direct Canada Post to maintain the current levels of postal service in Small, Rural and Northern Communities and continue to maintain residential door-to-door delivery in Canada;

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And Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to The Right Honourable Stephen Harper Prime Minister of Canada; The Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transportation; and Jay Aspin MP, Nipissing-Temiskaming;

And Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Federation of Northern Ontario Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, and Jay Aspin MP for Nipissing-Temiskaming for their support and endorsement.

Mayor McDonald declared a conflict of interest as his son-in-law works at Canada Post.

"Carried As Amended"

Res. #2014-215(b):Moved by Councillor Vaillancourt, seconded by Councillor Koziol

That the motion be amended by inserting the following words after "and continue to maintain residential door-to-door delivery in Canada": "and consult with CUPW to find profitable solutions through diversification".

Mayor McDonald declared a conflict of interest as his son-in-law works at Canada Post.

Record of Vote (Upon request from Councillor Bain)

Yeas: Councillors Bain, Maroosis, Vaillancourt, King, Campbell, Koziol, Mayne,

Mendicino, Deputy Mayor Vrebosch

Nays: Nil "Carried"