

CITY OF POINTE-CLAIRE

MINUTES OF THE **REGULAR MEETING** OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF POINTE-CLAIRE, HELD AT CITY HALL, 451 SAINT-JEAN BOULEVARD, POINTE-CLAIRE, QUEBEC, ON **TUESDAY MARCH 4, 2014**, AT 7:30 P.M., AFTER DUE NOTICE HAD BEEN DELIVERED BY THE PUBLIC SECURITY DIVISION ON FRIDAY FEBRUARY 28, 2014.

2014-124

ADOPTION – RESOLUTION CONCERNING CANADA POST PROPOSED REFORM OF HOME MAIL DELIVERY SERVICES

WHEREAS Canada Post recently made an official announcement of an impending reform of its services;

WHEREAS this reform implies a cost increase for mailings as well as a five year phase-out of door to door mail delivery;

WHEREAS it is being proposed to replace home delivery service by community mail boxes;

WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has expressed concern over the consequences of this reform particularly with regard to an aging population and households which rely on the home mail delivery;

WHEREAS there is a growing number of elderly citizens within our community, many of whom are limited in their mobility and who will be directly affected by this reform of an essential service;

WHEREAS the elimination of home delivery service will create an unnecessary hardship for persons with handicaps;

WHEREAS there are some 17,000 addresses in our community including private residences and companies;

WHEREAS the presence of the community mail boxes will have an impact on traffic, parking, snow removal of the sidewalks, removal of graffiti and many public works operations in general;

WHEREAS the community mail boxes will have to be accessible 24 hours a day which will create a number of safety issues;

WHEREAS Canada Post will deposit considerable amounts of advertising materials ("junk mail") in the community mail boxes which in turn will increase the risk of littering problems and overflowing refuse containers in the vicinity of these mail boxes;

WHEREAS any intervention such as the installation of a community mail box (which is a structure) in or on the public or private domain requires the prior approval of the municipality concerned;

WHEREAS there are significant aesthetic and logistical issues that in many locations will make the installation of community mail boxes difficult, if not impossible;

WHEREAS the installation of community mail boxes will have environmental consequences in that it will result in citizens using their vehicles to drive to and from these mail boxes;

WHEREAS Canada Post did not consult with municipal leaders before announcing its intention to end door to door mail delivery;

It is moved by Councillor Thorstad-Cullen;

Seconded by Councillor Cousineau, and unanimously

RESOLVED: TO ask Canada Post to postpone its decision and to enter into discussion with municipalities which are directly concerned by the mail service reform as soon as possible.

TO send copies of the resolution to all municipalities on the Island of Montreal, to the Honorable Lisa Raitt, responsible for Canada Post, to Mr. Deepak Chopra, president and CEO of Canada Post, Mr. Francis Scarpaleggia, Member of Parliament for Lac-Saint-Louis, Mr. Geoffrey Kelley, Member of the National Assembly for the riding of Jacques-Cartier, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and l'Union of Quebec Municipalities.

