

## CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION

**Agenda Number:** 8.3  
**Title:** Canada Post  
**Date:** Monday, February 3, 2014

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**Moved by:** ~~Terry Sheehan~~ Marchy Bruni  
**Seconded by:** Joe Krmpotich


Whereas door-to-door home delivery of mail is a service that most Canadians have come to expect and have cherished for several generations; and  
Whereas this very basic means of communication and doing business is still very heavily relied upon by Canadians, especially seniors, the disabled and frail, and young parents who are not able to easily leave their homes to pick up their mail, especially in inclement weather; and  
Whereas Canada Post announced on December 11, 2013 that it intended to take significant steps "to rescue the Crown Corporation from the digital revolution and make it profitable by 2019"; and  
Whereas this plan by Canada Post includes phasing out door-to-door mail delivery starting in 2015, cutting 8,000 postal jobs and increasing substantially the price of postage; and  
Whereas 46 Canadian communities were consulted by Canada Post with little or no consultation from Canada Post employees, seeking input and suggestions on how the Canadian postal business can remain sustainable and profitable in the face of technological modernization; and  
Whereas there is conflicting information and opinion on the current and future financial viability of Canada Post and home delivery of postal products; and  
Whereas no other "progressive" country in the world has taken steps to phase out existing door-to-door mail delivery, though many, like Canada continue to use communal boxes for new developments; and  
Whereas the announcement of these steps comes in advance of the already scheduled 2014 Mandatory Review of Operations of Canada Post and the results of said review would better guide Canada Post and the government of Canada with respect to this very important decision,  
Now Therefore Be It Resolved that Sault Ste. Marie City Council, very concerned about the significant loss of service and the local loss of jobs, urges Canada Post and the government of Canada to postpone moving forward on these steps announced by Canada Post on December 11, 2013, pending the outcome of the scheduled 2014 Mandatory Review of Operations of Canada Post and providing an opportunity to all Canadians, including Canada Post employees, to provide input and comments that would assist in clearly determining the future viability of door-to-door mail delivery in Canada and Canada Post as a Crown Corporation.  
And Further that Canada Post be encouraged to expand and complement its traditional businesses with other opportunities such as, but not limited to, the banking business, as has been done in many other countries.

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Acting Mayor Terry Sheehan