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Elimination of Door-to-Door Mail Delivery; Our File 35.2.2

Please be advised that City Council, at its meeting held May 26, 2014, heard a delegation by Brenda Lalso, Local 614 President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers regarding Canada Post's future plan to eliminate door-to-door mail delivery with the installation of community mailboxes.

On a motion duly put by Councillor Williamson and seconded by Councillor Dodge, the following resolution was carried unanimously by Council.

"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 rate-payers and certainty in the timely payment of taxes and other fees;

AND WHEREAS the elimination of door-to-door mail delivery will disproportionately effect and isolate seniors, low-income Canadians, people with disabilities or people with mobility issues and the most vulnerable in society;

AND WHEREAS Canada Post, a public sector success story, 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 this proposed change would entail the downloading of responsibilities, costs, and liabilities to local governments, including requirements for municipal land and rights-of-way, infrastructure such as paving and lighting, and policing related to vandalism, graffiti, mail theft, and potentially additional snow removal;

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 governments, Canada Post customers or postal workers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of St. Catharines endorse this resolution and forward it on to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federation of Canadian Municipalities request that the Federal Government direct Canada Post to maintain the current system of residential door-to-door postal delivery in Canada;

AND THAT copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Transport and local Members of Parliament Rick Dykstra and Malcolm Allen;

AND THAT staff be directed not to participate in any way with Canada Post's request for staff resources and time;

AND FURTHER THAT staff be directed to send a letter to Canada Post, on behalf of Council, expressing their concerns, such as costs and responsibilities, regarding the current level of graffiti and snow removal.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the City Clerk at extension 1524.



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