MINUTES REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING City of Cranbrook

Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 4:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber, 40_10th Avenue South, Cranbrook, BC.

CANADA POST DOOR-TO-DOOR DELIVERY

240-14 Whereas Canada Post has announced the phasing out of door to door mail delivery over the next few years and replacing it with community mail boxes.

And whereas no other country in the G7 has taken such a drastic step.

And whereas Canada Post is a consistently profitable Crown Corporation despite some financial losses in home mail delivery in recent years.

And whereas the loss of door-to-door home mail delivery would have the greatest impact on seniors, the disabled and people with mobility difficulties walking to community boxes.

And whereas cessation of door-to-door delivery would result in a less reliable postal system because of theft and vandalism issues at community mail boxes, which would have a negative impact on business and affect all Canadians including local governments.

And whereas community mail boxes do not offer as much postal security as door-to-door delivery.

And whereas the Canada Postal Corporation made this drastic announcement with little or no consultation with the Canadian people.

And whereas door-to-door delivery still takes place up to six days-a-week in countries similar to Canada such as

Great Britain and the U.S.]

And whereas municipalities across Canada are protesting this regressive move by Canada Post. And whereas door-to-door mail delivery has been a traditional feature of Canadian life and culture for close to 150 years.

Therefore be it resolved that Cranbrook City Council write a letter to the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport expressing our strong objection to the cancellation of door-to-door mail delivery and recommend she order the Canada Postal Corporation to conduct public consultation hearings across Canada before door-to-door mail delivery is cancelled and consider other options to such a drastic move.

Carried.

Opposed: Councillor Scott