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“Hamilton Resistance Has Made a Difference”: Union

OTTAWA- Canada Post’s plan to end door-to-door delivery on Hamilton Mountain has apparently been put on “indefinite hold,” according to the union representing postal workers. While this decision has yet to be confirmed in writing by Canada Post Corporation, postal workers were cautiously optimistic.

“At this point, we can only speculate, but we think the actions of Hamilton residents have had an impact,” said Terry Langley, President of the Hamilton local of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW).

Hamilton postal workers were informed yesterday by Canada Post managers that no new date for the end of door-to-door delivery would be scheduled at this time.

Since Canada Post’s cuts were announced in 2013, almost 600 municipalities and municipal organizations, including the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Big City Mayors Caucus, have raised concerns about the elimination of door-to-door delivery. Hamilton city staff estimated that mailbox conversion would cost the city at least \$2 million in administrative costs alone.

Many Hamilton residents have fiercely opposed the removal of their home delivery. One retiree, Henry Evans-Tenbrinke, occupied his mailbox installation site for days, making international headlines.

“We can and should insist that our profitable post office consult with us before cutting services,” said Mike Palecek, National President of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers.

The union says that postal cuts will remain a federal election issue for the Conservative government.

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