MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY, MARCH 17, 2014 AT 7:30 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, CIVIC ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, BRANDON, MANITOBA

(B) ELIMINATION OF DOOR-TO-DOOR MAIL DELIVERY SERVICE BY CANADA POST

Submitted for consideration was a report from Mayor Decter Hirst dated March 4, 2014 with respect to the above and in accordance with her notice of motion given at the regular meeting of City Council held March 3, 2014.

Decter Hirst-Rice

1505 WHEREAS Canada Post announced on December 11th, 2013 that it plans to convert door-to-door delivery to community mailbox (CMB) delivery; and WHEREAS going to CMB delivery would be especially hard on seniors and people with disabilities and could undermine their ability to live independently;

`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, snow removal, and policing related to vandalism, graffiti, and mail theft;
AND WHEREAS this fundamental change to Canada's postal system is unprecedented in other G7 countries, and has been announced in the absence of any meaningful consultation with local governments, Canada Post customers, or employees;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Brandon send a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post, The Honourable Lisa Raitt that informs the Minister that the City of Brandon wants to maintain the current system of residential door-to-door delivery, and requests that the government consult with Canadians about what kind of postal service they need. CARRIED.

Councillor Montague abstained from voting on the above motion as he supported the request for consultation but not maintenance of the current system of delivery.