

## Office of the Clerk

February 18, 2014

The Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport  
Place de Ville Tower C, 29<sup>th</sup> floor  
330 Sparks Street  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5

Honourable and Dear Madam:

**Re: Elimination of Door-to-Door Postal Delivery**

The Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie at its meeting of February 10, 2014 passed the following resolution in response to a request received from the President of Local 536, Canadian Union of Postal Workers:

**WHEREAS** Canada Post announced on December 11, 2013 its intentions to convert all door-to-door delivery to community mailbox delivery, and

**WHEREAS** it appears Canada Post engaged in very little consultation with this major change in mail delivery service, and

**WHEREAS** it is deemed expedient that Canada Post fully explain its intentions to Canadians;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** by the Municipal Council of the Town of Fort Erie that it hereby informs the Minister Responsible for Canada Post of its support, in principle, to retain and expand door-to-door mail delivery services, and

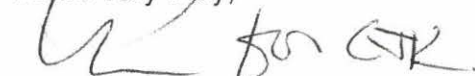
**THAT:** The Minister consult with Canadians regarding the future of postal delivery services in Canada and to fully explain its intentions including facts and figures associated with its action plan, and further

**THAT:** The appropriate persons be so notified of this action.

Also enclosed please find a copy of the resolutions passed by the Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Ridgeway Business Improvement Area Board of Management.

We thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours very truly,



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c.c. The Honourable Rob Nicholson, MP, Minister of National Defence  
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J. Young, President Local 536, Canadian Union of Postal Workers  
Mayor and Council  
B. Bradnam, AAC, Staff Liaison  
D. Dea, Chair, Ridgeway BIA



## ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Chair of the Town of Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) and staff resource were directed to develop a resolution at the January 28, 2014 meeting. The following Resolution will be confirmed at the February 25, 2014 AAC meeting.

Whereas the Town of Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Committee has been made aware of the December 11, 2013 announcement by Canada Post to phase out door-to-door delivery of mail starting in 2015; and

Whereas many Fort Erie residents heavily rely on this means of communication, especially seniors, persons with disabilities and young parents who are not able to easily leave their homes to pick up their mail, especially in inclement weather; and

Whereas, Town of Fort Erie residents were not consulted by Canada Post to determine any and all impacts that removal of the service may have; and

Whereas this announcement 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 the Town of Fort Erie Accessibility Advisory Committee urges Canada Post and the Government of Canada to postpone moving forward on phasing out the door-to-door mail delivery service, pending the outcome of the scheduled 2014 Mandatory Review of Operations of Canada Post and providing an opportunity to Fort Erie residents to provide input and comments that would assist in clearly determining the future viability of door-to-door mail delivery in the community.

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**Motion:** Be it resolved that the RBIA write a letter to the minister responsible for Canada Post attaching this resolution that calls for the government to reverse the changes to services announced by Canada Post and to look instead for ways to increase service and revenues in areas such as postal banking.

*Motion by: Vivianne C. 2nd: John Hill, carried by majority.*

***John Hill declared a conflict of interest on the next presentation and removed himself from a vote due to the fact it is his wife presenting.***