

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the City of Oshawa held in the Council Chamber at 6:30 p.m.

2. Item 1 of the Sixty-ninth Report of the Development Services Committee, which was referred to Council without recommendation, recommends that Jesse Cullen and Tiffany Balducci be permitted to address City Council concerning changes to Canada Post mail delivery.

Moved by Councillor England, seconded by Councillor Diamond,  
(215) "That Jesse Cullen and Jim Freeman, in place of Tiffany Balducci, be heard." CARRIED

Jesse Cullen stated We Are Oshawa has obtained 383 signatures on its petition requesting the Federal government reverse its decision to cut door to door residential mail service, and described mail service as essential and critical for seniors and persons with disabilities, and providing good-paying jobs in the community. Jim Freeman opposed placing seniors and persons with disabilities in the difficult situation of getting to mailboxes which will be paid for by taxpayers and municipalities' responsibility to maintain. Jim Freeman remarked it is strange the Federal government legislated mail carriers back to work a year and a half ago because they were essential, and now have declared them non-essential. Jesse Cullen requested Council endorse the resolution presented in Item 1 of the Sixty-ninth Report of the Development Services Committee to send a message to the Federal government in opposition to cutting residential mail service.

Council members questioned Jesse Cullen and Jim Freeman.

Moved by Councillor Diamond, seconded by Councillor England,  
(216) "That the order of the agenda be altered to bring forward Item 1 of the Sixty-ninth Report of the Development Services Committee concerning changes to Canada Post mail delivery." CARRIED ON A 2/3 VOTE OF MEMBERS PRESENT

Moved by Councillor Diamond, seconded by Councillor England,  
(217) "Whereas Canada Post announced plans to replace all door-to-door mail delivery with community mailbox (C.M.B.) delivery; and,

Whereas moving to C.M.B. delivery would be especially hard on seniors and people living with disabilities and could undermine their ability to live independently; and, Whereas the proposed change would entail the downloading of responsibilities, costs, and liabilities to local governments, such as paving, lighting, snow removal, and policing related to vandalism and mail theft; and,

Whereas this proposed change would result in the loss of good jobs in our community; and, Whereas this proposed change to Canada's postal system is unprecedented in other G7 countries;

Therefore be it resolved that:

1. The City of Oshawa send a letter to the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport, to inform the Minister that the City of Oshawa supports the current system of residential door-to-door delivery; and,
2. That the City of Oshawa call on the Federal Government and Canada Post to conduct consultations with Canadians about what kind of postal services they need; and,
3. That the City of Oshawa send a copy of this resolution to Durham Regional Council and all other municipalities in Durham Region and the G.T.A. for endorsement and to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.’.” CARRIED AS AMENDED BY LATER VOTE

Moved by Councillor Chapman, seconded by Councillor Pidwerbecki, (218) “That the motion be amended by adding the words ‘and all Durham Region M.P.s and M.P.P.s’.” CARRIED

The motion CARRIED AS AMENDED ON THE FOLLOWING VOTE  
AFFIRMATIVE – Councillors Aker, Bouma, Chapman, Diamond, England, Marimpietri, Neal, Pidwerbecki, Sanders, Wood and Mayor Henry  
NEGATIVE – None Absent – None