



Council Report

Date: January 16, 2014 **From:** Councillor Isitt
Subject: Door-to-Door Postal Delivery in Canada

MOTION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Victoria City Council approve the following resolution for consideration by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board and at the annual conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities:

WHEREAS local governments in Canada have a direct financial interest in the security and stability of Canada's postal system, to ensure reliable communications with rate-payers and certainty in the timely payment of taxes and other fees;

AND WHEREAS Canada Post, a consistently profitable Crown Corporation, has announced its intention to eliminate residential door-to-door mail delivery in Canada, calling into question the stability of Canada's postal system, the certainty of communications and payments, and the reliability of business transactions;

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, and policing related to vandalism, graffiti and mail theft;

AND WHEREAS this fundamental change to Canada's communications system is unprecedented in the G7 countries and has been announced in the absence of any meaningful consultation with local governments, Canada Post customers or postal workers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Canadian Municipalities request that the Federal Government direct Canada Post to maintain the current system of residential door-to-door postal delivery in Canada.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to forward this resolution to other local governments in Canada for whom contact information is readily available, requesting favourable consideration of this resolution to FCM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "B. Isitt", written over a faint blue rectangular stamp.

Councillor Isitt