



TOWN OF GEORGINA

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February 12, 2014

The Honourable Stephen Harper,
Prime Minister of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister,
80 Wellington Street,
OTTAWA, Ontario
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Honourable Minister Harper:

Please be advised that Council for the Corporation of the Town of Georgina received a delegation from a representative of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers at a Council meeting concerning postal cuts, the elimination of door-to-door home delivery, increasing postal rates and the effects on the community.

Town Council passed the following motion in favour of maintaining the current system of postal delivery including residential door-to-door postal delivery;

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 ratepayers and certainty in the timely payment of taxes and other fees;

AND WHEREAS Canada Post 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 the proposed change to eliminate residential door-to-door mail delivery would entail the installation of community mail box sites, resulting in 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 has been announced in the absence of any meaningful consultation with local governments or any presentation of a business plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Georgina requests that the Federal Government direct Canada Post to maintain the current system of postal delivery in Canada, including residential door-to-door postal delivery;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this motion be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO).

Accordingly, we respectfully request the Federal Government to seriously consider the issues and direct Canada Post to maintain the current system of postal delivery in Canada.

Sincerely,
FOR THE TOWN OF GEORGINA,

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