

CITY OF VAUGHAN

EXTRACT FROM COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 17, 2015

Item 23, Report No. 7, of the Committee of the Whole, which was adopted without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan on February 17, 2015.

23 RESOLUTION REGARDING CHANGES TO CANADA POST SERVICES

The Committee of the Whole recommends:

- 1) That Council endorse the attached Draft Resolution (Attachment #1); and
- 2) That the following report of the Interim City Manager, dated February 3, 2015, be received.

Recommendation

The Interim City Manager recommends:

1. THAT Council give consideration to endorsing the attached Draft Resolution (Attachment #1).

Contribution to Sustainability

N/A

Economic Impact

N/A

Communications Plan

If approved, the resolution will be forwarded to the Minister of Transport, Members of Parliament for Vaughan, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, The Regional Municipality of York Clerk, and the York Region Municipal City Clerks.

Purpose

To review a request from the City of Markham to endorse their resolution regarding changes to Canada Post services.

Background - Analysis and Options

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Relationship to Vaughan Vision 2020/Strategic Plan

This report is consistent with the strategic priorities set out in Vaughan Vision 2020, in particular:

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Regional Implications

None.

Conclusion

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Attachments

1. Draft Resolution
2. City of Markham's Resolution – Canada Post Service Changes

Report prepared by:

Anita Micoli-Falcone
Administrative & Project Assistant (ext.8287)

(A copy of the attachments referred to in the foregoing have been forwarded to each Member of Council and a copy thereof is also on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE FEBRUARY 3, 2015

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Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Cribbett
Interim City Manager

Whereas Canada Post requested a key staff person to assist Canada Post in their efforts to replace door to door mail delivery with community mailboxes (C.M.B.) in affected wards; and,

Whereas moving to C.M.B. delivery would be especially hard on seniors and people living with mobility and health challenges and could undermine their ability to live independently and will be compounded during inclement weather; 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 have an adverse economic effect on our communities with regards to the loss of jobs; and,

Whereas this proposed change to Canada's postal system is unprecedented in other G7 countries;

Therefore be it resolved that:

Prior to any service adjustments being implemented by Canada Post and prior to any assistance by City of Vaughan Staff, the City of Vaughan as part of our service responsibilities to our residents requires:

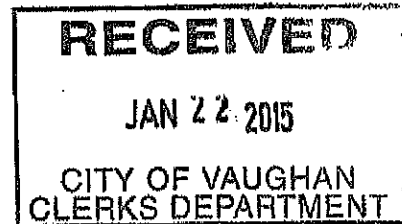
- 1) That Canada Post conduct Town Hall meetings or open communication (in addition to the Canada Post mailed surveys with the residents being affected by the service change) for all concerned residents; and,
- 2) That the Town Hall meetings be hosted by the local member of Parliament (M.P.) and/or other elected representatives of the community, with Canada Post representatives and all other local councillors to discuss what kind of postal services City of Vaughan residents need; and,
- 3) That the City of Vaughan not endorse Canada Post actions prior to the consultation process being satisfactorily completed; and,
- 4) That the City of Vaughan send a letter to Deepak Chopra, Chief Executive Officer, Canada Post, to inform Canada Post that the City of Vaughan supports the existing delivery system and wishes to retain this valuable service for our communities; and further,
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To: A. Sookoor

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January 21, 2015



The Honourable Lisa Raitt
 Minister of Transport
 House of Commons
 Parliament Buildings
 Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

RE: CANADA POST SERVICE CHANGES (13.0)

Dear Ms. Raitt:

This will confirm that at a meeting held on January 13, 2015, Council of the City of Markham adopted the following resolution:

“Whereas Canada Post requested a key staff person to assist Canada Post in their efforts to replace door to door mail delivery with community mailboxes (C.M.B.) in affected wards; and,

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Yours sincerely,



Kimberley Kitteringham
City Clerk

Copy to: Mr. Deepak Chopra, CEO, Canada Post
Denis Kelly, Regional Municipality of York
York Region Municipalities
GTA
Association of Municipalities of Ontario
York Region MP and MPP
Federation of Canadian Municipalities