

January 20, 2015

Mayor Jim Watson
City Hall, 110 Laurier Avenue
Ottawa, K1P 1J1

Re: Community Mail Boxes

Via email and post

Dear Mayor Watson

During the Federation of Citizens' Associations (FCA) meeting of January 7th, 2015, FCA members endorsed the following resolution:

"WHEREAS Canada Post is planning to eliminate door-to-door delivery in urban neighbourhoods across Canada over the next several years and replace that service with Community Mail Boxes (CMBs) as part of its Five Point Action Plan

WHEREAS this unilateral action creates significant challenges for residents in mature urban neighbourhoods (available land, safety, lighting, litter, traffic and road access, noise, frozen locks, snow removal, accessibility for seniors and people with mobility challenges, etc.)

WHEREAS the consultation process in connection with the move to CMBs was grossly inadequate and many neighbourhoods were not even aware of the process

WHEREAS hundreds of towns and cities across Canada have already passed resolutions opposing Canada Post's plans

WHEREAS Ottawa is the Nation's Capital and should be an example to the rest of Canada

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of Citizens' Associations of Ottawa-Carleton strongly encourages the City of Ottawa call on Canada Post to halt the elimination of door-to-door delivery until concerns are addressed through meaningful consultations with municipalities and affected residents before implementation of the plan;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Canada Post commit that the proposed changes in the Five Point Action Plan do not download the costs and maintenance of the community mailboxes onto municipalities without proper consultation and compensation;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the FCA continue to support the City of Ottawa Council in any efforts to oppose Canada Post's plans to impose CMB on our neighbourhoods"

Although our executive realize that Canada Post is a federal institution, its choices have serious impacts on municipalities and the citizens thereof. We ask you and the Council to take a position on this matter and bring whatever pressure you can to halt further implementation until the full impacts on local communities have been studied and discussed.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Yours sincerely,



Graeme Roderick, president

cc: via email: Ward Councillors