

Community Mailboxes

Governance and Priorities Committee
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Purpose

Direction from January 29, 2015 GPC Meeting:

- Provide advice to Council on methods to minimize impacts regarding the placement of community mailboxes
 - Best practices from other municipalities for implementing, managing and minimizing costs
 - How to minimize start-up and continuing costs



Map of conversions to community mailboxes

● 2014 conversions
● 2015 conversions



Background

- Canada Post (CP) announces changes to mail delivery service (December 2013)
 - Over 5 million households converted to community mailboxes over the next 5 years
- Canada Post operates under the *Canada Post Corporation Act* which gives it authority to install mail delivery devices in any public places
- Conversion has started in the Capital region
- City contacted in early 2015 with 31 proposed locations in Victoria West, for comment by staff - Other COV locations to follow – timing unknown



Issues

- Cost
 - Installation costs the responsibility of CP
- Impacts to Public Space
 - Council's Guiding Principles on the Use of Public Space
- Garbage and Recycling
 - Not provided by CP, may be required (at the cost of the City)
- Theft
- Vandalism & Maintenance
- Accessibility
 - CP still working out alternative solutions for those with mobility and accessibility issues
- Locations
 - Standards similar to those for other infrastructure by a third-party



Issues

Other Jurisdictions

- Hamilton, Ontario
- Similar concerns expressed by many (e.g. theft, cost, accessibility, garbage, consultation)
- Typical reaction in capital region: Provide information to residents on municipal website
- Most municipalities currently undergoing process simultaneous to City

Agreement Models

- Federation of Canadian Municipalities agreement in partnership with CP
 - Template provided by CP upon initial review request
- Similar to how City addresses other third-party partnerships on public property

Consultation

- To be conducted by CP with residents, details unclear



Recommendation

- The City requests that Canada Post makes a presentation to Council
 - Similar to requests other municipalities have made
 - Canada Post may or may not accept
- The City requests information on the planned community consultation
 - In order to share the information with residents on the City's website
 - Direct comments directly back to Canada Post



QUESTIONS?

