



**Council Report
For the Council Meeting of June 9, 2016**

To: Council

Date: June 8, 2016

From: Councillors Isitt and Loveday

Subject: City of Victoria Input on Review of Canada Post

Background:

The Government of Canada is currently inviting input from local governments and members of the public as part of the Review of Canada Post. The deadline for receiving formal submissions is June 23, 2016.

The City of Victoria has approved several resolutions in recent years relating to postal services in Canada, including a resolution in January 2014 supporting the retention of door-to-door postal delivery, and a resolution in January 2016 supporting an expansion of access to financial services through the postal system.

The City of Victoria's Strategic Plan clearly identifies facilitating social inclusion and increasing affordability as priorities.

It is therefore recommended that Council approve the following resolution, reiterating its support for door-to-door delivery and an expansion of access to financial services through the postal system, to inform the Government of Canada's current Review of Canada Post.

Recommendation:

That Council direct staff to provide input to the Government of Canada on behalf of the City of Victoria by June 23, 2016 as part of the Review of Canada Post, reiterating the City's support for door-to-door postal delivery and increased access to financial services through postal banking, and appending copies of the previously approved resolutions on these issues.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ben Isitt'.

Councillor Ben Isitt

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Councillor Jeremy Loveday

Attachments:

- Appendix 1 – Backgrounder on Review of the Future of Canada Post
- Appendix 2 – Statement from the Minister on Review of Canada Post
- Appendix 3 – Task Force on Canada Post Review
- Appendix 4 – City of Victoria Council Motion of January 16, 2014
- Appendix 5 – City of Victoria Council Motion of January 28, 2016