



December 9, 2016

Sent via email

To: Ontario Municipalities

Re: Richmond Hill Resolution - A Bank for Everyone – Support Postal Banking

Richmond Hill Town Council, at its meeting held on November 28, 2016, adopted the following resolution:

- a) That the Town of Richmond Hill encourages the Federal Government to review the Banking Act to allow postal banking at Canada Post;
- b) That the Town of Richmond Hill encourages the Federal Government to amend the Canada Post Act of 1981 to allow postal banking at Canada Post;
- c) That the Town of Richmond Hill encourages the Federal Government to instruct Canada Post to add postal banking as a service, with a mandate for financial inclusion either as a stand-alone bank or in cooperation with other financial organizations which may include the Business Development Bank of Canada (BDC);
- d) That the Town of Richmond Hill call on the federal government to instruct Canada Post to add postal banking, with a mandate for financial inclusion;
- e) That Council direct staff to forward this resolution to other local governments in Canada for whom contact information is readily available, requesting favourable consideration of this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
- f) And further, that Council direct staff to forward this resolution to:
 - 1. Leona Alleslev, Member of Parliament, Richmond Hill, Ontario 12820 Yonge Street, Suite 202, Richmond Hill, Ontario L4E 4H1, Canada;
 - 2. Majid Jowhari, Member of Parliament (Richmond Hill) 9140 Leslie Street, Unit 407 Richmond Hill, Ontario L4B 0A9, Canada;
 - 3. Clark Somerville, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, 24 Clarence St, Ottawa, Ontario K1N 5P3;
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5. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities;
6. Judy Foote, Minister of Public Services and Procurement, Rm 18A1,
11 Laurier Street Phase III, Place du Portage, Gatineau, QC, K1A 0S5;
7. Mike Palecek, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank
Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1Y3.

In accordance with Council's directive, please find attached a copy of the Council endorsed member motion.

If you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Clerk, at 905-771-8800.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Huycke', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen M.A. Huycke
Director of Council Support Services/Town Clerk

Attachment

cc: Leona Alleslev, Member of Parliament - Richmond Hill
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MEMBER MOTION

Section 5.4.4(b) of Procedure By-law

Meeting: Committee of the Whole ☐ Council **X**
Meeting Date: November 28, 2016
Subject/Title: A bank for everyone – Support postal banking
Submitted by: Councillor Muench

Whereas the Federal Government's Canada Post Review will conclude, in the spring of 2017, with the government announcing decisions on the future of Canada Post, including whether or not to create a new service and revenue stream through postal banking;

Whereas there is an urgent need for this service because thousands of rural towns and villages do not have a bank;

Whereas nearly two million Canadians desperately need alternatives to high interest charging payday lenders including our residents in Richmond Hill;

Whereas postal banking helps keep post offices viable and financial services accessible in many parts of the world;

Whereas postal banking has the support of over 600 municipalities and close to two-thirds of Canadians (Stratcom poll, 2013);

Whereas residents and businesses of Richmond Hill rely on mail service and see postal banking as an opportunity to improve the financial position of Canada Post while allowing the organization to continue its important service to Canadians including Richmond Hill without subsidy;

Whereas small business in Richmond Hill and throughout Canada require more and different forms of banking services to assist in venture capital growth as well as other financial needs currently not being serviced;

Whereas the Federal Government has prioritized, communicated, promoted, encouraged and challenged Canadians to be innovative, postal banking will allow customers of Canada Post to have access to banking services that will enhance productivity and quality of life for all stakeholders;

Therefore Be It Resolved:

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Moved by: Councillor Muench

Seconded by: