



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

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NOTICE OF MOTION

Request for Notice of Motion, Pursuant to Sections 37 and 38, Council Procedure Bylaw No. 2715, 2009.

INTRODUCED: Council Meeting – August 24, 2015

FROM: Councillor Olga Liberchuk

SUBJECT: Installation of Community Mailboxes Guidelines

WHEREAS: Canada Post is transitioning from door-to-door to community mailboxes for mail delivery.

WHEREAS: Esquimalt residents have expressed concerns with some of the proposed locations for community mailboxes.

WHEREAS: To date, Canada Post was not able to address Esquimalt residents' concerns about locations of proposed community mailboxes and answer questions from Township of Esquimalt regarding accessibility, liability and replacement of mailboxes.

AND WHEREAS: Other municipalities such as Saanich have policies for the installation of Canada Post mailboxes in their communities.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: That the Township of Esquimalt draft guidelines for Canada Post for installation of mailboxes in our community that will include traffic considerations, improvements and maintenance of mailboxes, and general conditions such as clearly outlining the role, responsibility, and liability of Canada Post with respect to accessibility, installation, and maintenance of mailboxes in the Township of Esquimalt.

BACKGROUND:

In 2014 Canada Post decided to transition from door-to-door to community mailbox delivery. During this transition Canada Post committed to public consultations. Esquimalt Council and staff have received numerous inquiries from Esquimalt residents with regards to proposed locations for community mailboxes. Earlier this year the Township of Esquimalt invited Canada Post to have an open house in our municipality to address and incorporate residents' concerns with respect to proposed locations of mailboxes in our community. Unfortunately Canada Post rejected Esquimalt's invitation to hold public consultations with Esquimalt residents in the form of open house or Town Hall meeting to provide an opportunity for Esquimalt residents to speak to the changed of Canada Post and provide input to determine best locations for community mailboxes.

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Installation of Community Mailbox Guidelines will integrate some of the concerns expressed by Esquimalt residents and assist Canada Post in finding the best locations for mailboxes in our community. It will also clearly outline the expectations from Canada Post with regards to accessibility, liability and replacement of mailboxes.