

**THE CORPORATION OF THE
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The Honourable Lisa Raitt,
Federal Minister of Transport

DELIVERED BY EMAIL

Re: Community Mailboxes

Dear Minister Raitt,

Further to a decision made by Montague Township Council at its meeting of Tuesday, June 2nd, 2015, in support of the City of Hamilton and the Town of Aurora's opposition to the installation of community mailboxes, I am requesting that Canada Post immediately cease the installation of community mailboxes and adhere to its Five-Point Action Plan requirement to engage in full and meaningful consultation with all stakeholders, including the Township of Montague and its residents.

For your reference, I attach Montague's Resolution:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Township of Montague endorse the City of Hamilton's opposition to the elimination of home mail delivery and installation of community mailboxes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Reeve to send a letter, copied to Members of Parliament, Ontario Members of Provincial Parliament, and all Ontario municipalities, that requests the Federal Minister of Transport, who oversees Canada Post, to require Canada Post to halt installation of community mailboxes immediately and adhere to its Five-point Action Plan requirement to engage in full and meaningful consultation with all stakeholders, including the Township and its residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to develop appropriate standards to require Canada Post to apply for permits with an appropriate fee that reflects the resources required and costs incurred by the Township to install and maintain community mailboxes in established neighbourhoods; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff bring back a bylaw for Council's enactment at an upcoming Council meeting

I look forward to your response at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

Reeve B. Dobson,
Township of Montague

CC: All Members of Parliament
All members of provincial Parliament
All Ontario Municipalities