

Type of Decision									
Meeting Date	Friday, June 24, 2011				Report Date	Wednesday, June 22, 2011			
Decision Required	X	Yes		No	Priority	X	High		Low
Direction	x	Information Only			Type of Meeting	X	Open		Closed
REPORT TITLE									
Canada Post Delivery Options Stonecliffe Report 24/06/11/1201									

Subject: Options for delivery of mail and postal service to residents of Stonecliffe.

RECOMMENDATION: That Council advise Canada Post that failing to reach an agreement with Yates General Store for service delivery, that post office boxes be utilized.

WHEREAS this Council has been contacted by Canada Post to discuss alternatives to service delivery for Stonecliffe residents in the event of Yates General Store not retaining the contract;

AND WHEREAS the option of service by the Municipal Office was considered briefly;

AND WHEREAS the obligations and conditions of a service delivery contract would be too onerous on existing staff and would require additional hours of service;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the United Townships of Head, Clara & Maria does hereby request that failing to reach a satisfactory agreement with Yates General Store for continued postal service in Stonecliffe that a system of mail boxes be utilized instead.

BACKGROUND/EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The response from Patrick LaVictoire is included as background. Basically, it is the opinion of staff that the obligations and hours in the contract are too onerous to incorporate the duties into existing staffing levels. Because people, when picking up their mail, take the opportunity to socialize, the time commitment would be too much to also complete regular duties which already fill the work day.

If council would consider hiring additional office staff (expand the hours of the office admin position) it might be possible. As is, it is not a viable option.

It is further felt that residents will have reduced service based on the availability of service outside of 8:30 – 4:00 and excluding weekends and holidays. Currently service is from 8:00 – 8:00 or 10:00, 7 days a week. In order to obtain anything similar, boxes would need to be used.

Financial Implications/Budget Impact: Would require the office to be open an additional 20 hours per week with corresponding staffing and overhead costs.

Others Consulted: Ruth Morin, Noella Lebreton

Approved and Recommended by the Clerk

Melinda Reith,

Municipal Clerk

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