

Resolution 1C

CANADA POST CORPORATION: DOOR-TO-DOOR DELIVERY (DEFEATED— removed from block of “C” Resolutions and voted on individually)

⇒ Cape Breton Regional Municipality

WHEREAS Local governments in Canada have a direct financial interest in the security and stability of Canada's postal system, to ensure reliable communications with ratepayers and certainty in the timely payment of taxes and other fees; and

WHEREAS Canada Post, a consistently profitable Crown Corporation, has announced its intention to eliminate residential door-to-door mail delivery in Canada, calling into question the stability of Canada's postal system, the certainty of communications and payments, and the reliability of business transactions; and

WHEREAS this proposed change would entail the downloading of responsibilities, costs, and liabilities to local government, including requirements for municipal land and rights-of-way, infrastructure such as paving and lighting, and policing related to vandalism, graffiti, mail theft, and litter; and

WHEREAS this fundamental change to Canada's communications system is unprecedented in the G7 countries and has been announced in the absence of any meaningful consultation with local governments, Canada Post customers or postal workers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UNSM ask the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request the Government of Canada direct Canada Post to maintain the current system of residential door-to-door postal delivery; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the UNSM forward this resolution to the Government of Nova Scotia requesting favourable consideration of this resolution.