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**City Council**

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**Motion without Notice**

MM10.20	ACTION			Ward: All
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**Impact of Canada Post Strike on Payment of Property Tax and Water Bills – by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie**

*\*This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

*\*This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral.*

*\*This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Michelle Berardinetti, seconded by Councillor Paul Ainslie, recommends that:

1. City Council request the Treasurer to submit a report to the October 12, 2011 meeting of the Government Management Committee on the number of late payments issued for property tax and water bills due to the recent Canada Post labour disruption and the impact on operations.
2. City Council request the Treasurer to provide a breakdown of how payments are made differing between payments in person, by mail or on-line.

**Summary**

The recent Canada Post strike that started back on June 2nd ended on June 26, 2011.

Residents of Toronto faced major impacts as important and time-sensitive mail such as bill payments were not received.

Seniors or low-income residents may not have quick access to a computer or smart-phone with access to on-line payments for municipal bills.

Councillors have been approached by constituents unsure if the City had received their respective payments because of the overlap with the strike.

Recently, it has been reported that Canada Post has not distributed approximately 40 million pieces of mail due to sheer volume.

(Submitted to City Council on July 12 and 13, 2011 as MM10.20)