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By email

Dear Members of the Toronto East York Community Council,

ABC Residents' Association is an incorporated volunteer organization committed to enhancing the quality of life in Toronto's Yorkville/North Midtown community between Yonge Street west to Avenue Road and Bloor Street north to the CPR tracks. ABC was established in 1957 and continues to maintain an active role in the community by participating in community issues.

We are writing you today to express our serious concerns regarding the placement of Canada Post Community Mail Boxes. As you are aware the Official Plan Downtown area of Toronto has been designated as a Growth area by the City and the Province of Ontario. It is densely populated. Its urban streets carry large volumes of traffic, often bounded by crowded sidewalks which are already a safety concern given their lack of adequate width for pedestrians. A situation which will only be exacerbated with time as the area grows. We also point out that the Community Mail Boxes are entirely out of scale with our downtown neighbourhood streets which are narrow with small lots, and have a historic character. Finally, this densely developed area is very under-served by green spaces, and can ill afford to sacrifice what limited park space it has for the addition of these boxes. There are existing postal outlets that can be used and internal spaces available to rent for this purpose.

We are at a loss to understand how the Federal Government can arbitrarily impose these totally inappropriate structures on the community and will strongly support the City in any action they take to oppose these boxes being placed in our already crowded public space.

Sincerely,

John Caliendo & Ian Carmichael,

On behalf of

The ABCRA Board.