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To: the Toronto East York Community Council; and
the Planning & Growth Management Committee

On behalf of the North Rosedale Residents’ Association (“NRRA”), we wanted to go on the record with the TEYCC and the PGM Committee in sharing our views on the subject of community mailboxes. The NRRA is not against Canada Post’s decision to abandon door-to-door delivery across Canada in the years ahead, as it clearly must adapt its operating model to criteria of the 21st century, but we do ask that downtown neighbourhoods be engaged on a consultative basis as part of Canada Post’s process to locate many, many new mailboxes on public rights-of-way throughout Toronto.

Most importantly, the NRRA would ask Canada Post to:

- make a concerted effort to NOT put flyers into any community mailboxes (i.e paid mail only) and to take necessary steps to frustrate the use of superboxes as flyer or bulletin kiosks which degrade into garbage collection sites;
- keep the size of individual mailboxes to a minimum, thereby reducing the footprint of each superbox, and to develop an attractive, sensitive urban design to its downtown superboxes; and
- consult, in advance of final superbox location selection, with Residents’ Associations so that potential community-based tweaks to the final locations can be offered as recommendations

Sincerely,

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