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Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup> 2017

City Clerk  
City of Toronto  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto ON M5H 2N2

Dear Ms. Watkiss:

**Re: City Council Meetings December 5, 6, and 7 2017 – Proposed Adoption of the South of Eastern Transportation Official Plan Amendment (“OPA”) - Port Lands Planning Initiatives – Final Report (PG24.6)**

Canada Post Corporation is the owner of the property known municipally as 969 Eastern Avenue, which is the location of our South Central Processing Plant (the “Plant”). We are making the following submission to City Council regarding the adoption of the above-referenced OPA as it relates to the proposed alteration and extension of Woodfield Road from a dead-end street to a significant traffic link between Eastern Avenue and Lake Shore Blvd, and the associated works (the “Proposal”). This OPA would enable the implementation of the Proposal as contemplated by the Port Lands and South of Eastern Transportation and Servicing Master Plan (TSMP), also under consideration by Council.

By way of background, our Plant is the largest and busiest mail processing facility in Canada, with 40% of our country’s mail originating from this building. Our processing facility operates 24 hours per day, seven days per week, processing an average of 14 million pieces of mail daily. Hundreds of trucks, tractor trailers and passenger vehicles move in and out of the Plant every day and safe, efficient traffic flow is critical to our operations and our ability to serve Canadians.

Representatives of Canada Post met with City Staff several times during the Port Lands and South of Eastern Transportation and Servicing Master Plan (TSMP) process. We also provided a submission letter to the City dated November 13, 2017 setting out our interim feedback and comments regarding the proposed OPA and the TSMP. In the meantime, our consulting engineers and planners continued their examination of the impact of the OPA and the TSMP on our Plant and we now make this submission directly to City Council.

Based on our review and that of our experts, the Proposal has the potential to significantly affect our operations and the safety of vehicles, cyclists and pedestrians on Woodfield Road. There are four truck access points on Woodfield from our Plant for pickup and dispatch by large trucks and tractor trailers. The extension of Woodfield Road and related works will result in increased vehicle, cycle and pedestrian traffic. As trucks maneuver in and out of our dock areas the increased traffic has significant potential for interruption of our operations while our truck drivers wait for breaks in the traffic. There is also a related safety concern for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians as they interact with our trucking operations.



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We have been advised by City staff that Canada Post will be involved in the detailed design of the Woodfield extension and related street and boulevard improvements contemplated by the OPA and the TSMP. We encourage the City to explore detailed design measures to mitigate the operational impacts and safety risks, such as:

- implementation of traffic calming measures and lane layouts that help facilitate our truck movements.
- place any dedicated cycle paths on the east side of Woodfield so that our trucks would not be required to cross the cycle paths.
- to construct the cycle lanes even further east on City lands by the *Gee and Tubbs Field*.

We look forward to engaging with City staff, along with our engineering and planning consultants, in the detailed design process.

We have also reviewed with the City the implications on our loading dock area on Woodfield of the landscaping and other works in the road allowance identified in the TSMP. It appears that the proposed works could require the relocation of our security fence to accommodate trees, cycle lanes and sidewalks. Based on a review by our consulting engineers, the relocation of the fence could result in the loss of six out of nine loading docks due to the reduced room for truck turning and backing up. This would have serious implications for our Plant and its operations. During the detailed design process there would be the opportunity to mitigate that effect by altering the landscaping and other aspects of the work so that our security fence remains in place. We look forward to reviewing that with City staff.

Lastly, we ask that the City align the implementation of the Woodfield extension with the timing of other aspects of the TSMP and any other road works in the area. That would enable us to understand and study the resulting traffic patterns on Eastern Avenue and the surrounding area. We would be better able to analyze and comment on the resulting overall implications, both positive and negative, of the proposed extension of Woodfield.

We appreciate having the opportunity to comment on these matters. We look forward to the continued constructive dialogue with the City and its staff.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Douglas", with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Jim Douglas  
General Manager, Real Estate