



## Member Motion

### City Council

#### Notice of Motion

MM31.23	ACTION			Ward: All
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**Support for the Canadian Union of Postal Worker's Delivering Community Power Program to Support Expanded Services and Climate Action at Canada Post - by Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*

*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

#### Recommendations

Councillor Mike Layton, seconded by Councillor Paula Fletcher, recommends that:

1. City Council endorse Canadian Union of Postal Service Workers delivering the Community Power Program.
2. City Council send a copy of this endorsement to the Hon. Anita Anand, Minister for Public Services and Procurement.

#### Summary

In 2016, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers launched Delivering Community Power – a program for Canada Post to confront climate change, promote better access to expanded services, bring financial inclusion to unbanked and underbanked communities, and address other social inequalities – all by making the most of our existing public postal service network.

Effects of climate change are deadly and are affecting nearly every part of society all around the world. The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed the need for a more equal, more resilient society that prioritizes the health of our most vulnerable neighbours and loved ones. We are relying more than ever on the internet to connect people and to do our business.

The continuing decline of traditional letter mail combined with a dramatic rise in parcels from e-commerce makes it plain to see: the postal service has to adapt to a new reality. This is a great opportunity to address multiple problems at once, with a valued public infrastructure that connects everyone in their own community.

To the City of Toronto, the benefit of these changes is clear. Urgent action is needed to establish a robust network of electric vehicle charging stations; and to achieve carbon-neutral targets by 2050, Canada Post must greatly accelerate the electrification of its fleet. This will

help continue to push Toronto toward its goal to eliminate GHG emissions.

Canada Post's letter carriers can also check-in on vulnerable residents to help keep people in their homes longer as they age this is part of an expansion of services Canada Post can expand and adapt to the changing needs of the public through their implementation of Delivering Community Power, a vision of the post-carbon digital-age postal service that address the above needs and more.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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