

STAFF REPORT:



REPORT TO: Finance & Admin. Committee
MEETING DATE: January 16, 2007
REPORT NO.: SRB.07.01
SUBJECT: Canada Post – “Collingwood L9Y”
PREPARED BY: D. Finbow, Dir., Building & By-law

A. Recommendations

THAT Council:

1. Receive Staff Report SRB.07.01 for information purposes;
2. Direct Staff to invite representatives of Canada Post to do a presentation to Town Council related to the process that would be followed should a postal addressing change from “Collingwood L9Y” to “The Blue Mountains” be adopted by Resolution by Council; and ,
3. Direct Staff to invite representatives from the Blue Mountain Village Association, Blue Mountain Resorts, The Westin Hotel, Mountain Springs Lodge, The Blue Mountains Chamber of Commerce, Blue Mountain Ratepayers Association and the various private ski clubs in the L9Y area so that they may also be so informed.

B. Background

1. The matter of a postal addressing change from “Collingwood” to “The Blue Mountains” has been a matter of interest for Council since 1998.
2. Over the past 12 months, Town Staff have had numerous meetings with representatives of Canada Post to discuss the details of a postal addressing change and to understand the full implications of same.
3. To achieve the desired change, Canada Post has indicated that “service delivery improvements” must form part of the project.
4. Based on information provided to-date, the principal “service delivery improvement” appears to be the move from Rural Mailboxes to Centralized Delivery. This “service delivery improvement” would entail the removal of rural mailboxes and existing “green mailboxes” and the provision of approximately 50 – 80 Central Mail Boxes (CMB’s) with each CMB housing 8 boxes.
5. Canada Post has indicated that the Town will be expected to participate in site selection and site preparation. Site preparation will entail providing access to the site, stripping of topsoil, provision of granular and the pouring of concrete pads. Canada Post has advised that it is their experience that site preparation costs are in the order of \$1,500 per CMB site.
6. Canada Post has indicated that they would be responsible for the provision of the CMB’s and Address Change Notification/Redirection costs. They expect their costs to approach \$300,000.
7. Given the implications of the proposal, financial and otherwise, it is recommended that Canada Post present directly to Town Council.

C. Budget Impact

To be determined.

D. Attached

1. Notes from Meeting of November 2, 2006 – Canada Post and Town of The Blue Mountains
2. Staff Report SRB.06.18

Respectfully submitted,

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