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Date: January 12, 2012

Ms. Susan Duke
Executive Director Corporate Clerk/CAO
Township of Woolwich
4639 Lobsinger Line, RR #1
St. Clements, On
N0B 1M0

Dear Susan:

Re: Update on the Retail Water and Wastewater Rate 2012

This letter provides an update on the Retail Water and Wastewater Rate for the Township of Wellesley approved by Region of Waterloo on Dec 14th 2011.

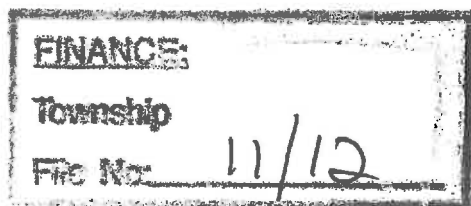
The 2012 water operating budget has increased by 2.97 % which includes a wholesale water purchase increase of 6.9 %. Minor adjustments were made to the 2012 Water Distribution operating budget to accommodate increased costs in water billing and watermain maintenance. The 2012 -2021 capital budget is \$4.125 million with minimal change from the previous year.

The Retail Water Rate of \$1.67 per cubic meter will be in effect on March 1, 2012. Based on an annual household consumption of 225 cubic meters, the annual consumption cost for water is \$376 (user rate \$1.67/cubic meter) plus a flat rate of \$60 (\$5 per month) for a total of \$436 per year. This represents an annual increase to the water household bill of \$34 based on consumption of 225 cubic meters.

The 2012 wastewater collection operating budget has increased by 3.58 % which includes a wholesale wastewater treatment cost increase of 7.9 %. The 2012 -2021 capital budget is \$2.615 million with no changes from the previous year.

The Retail Wastewater Rate of \$1.46 per cubic meter will be in effect on March 1, 2012. Based on an annual household usage of 225 cubic meters, the annual usage cost for wastewater is \$329 (user rate \$1.46/cubic meter) plus a flat rate of \$48 (\$4 per month) for a total of \$377 per year. This represents an annual increase to the wastewater household bill of \$25 based on usage of 225 cubic meters.

This provides a brief summary of the retail water and wastewater rates approved from 2012 and household impact. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.



Yours truly,



Nancy Kodousek, P.Eng.
Director of Water Services

cc: Ross Kelterborn, Mayor, Township of Wellesley
Thomas Schmidt, Commissioner TES, Region of Waterloo

FINANCE
Township
File No: 11/12



FINANCE:
Township
File No: 12/12

To the Council & Staff
of the Township of Wellesley,

*It's easy to say thank you, but it's
harder to convey the heartfelt gratitude felt today.*

Your thoughtfulness means more

than words can ever say.

*Thank you for your donations to
The Heart & Stroke in memory
of our Mom. The Rose family* (3)



From anywhere... De partout...
to anyone jusqu'à vous

CANADA POST
955 Highbury Avenue North
London ON N5Y 1A3

January 16 2012

Mayor Ross Kelterborn
Township of Wellesley
RR 1
ELMIRA ON NOB 2M0

RE: mail service for residents of Heidelberg

Dear Mayor Kelterborn:

Please be advised that effective Monday, January 23, 2012, residents of Heidelberg will see changes regarding the availability of Canada Post services and products and their mail delivery.

We have been unable to reach an agreement with the operators of Forwell Super Variety, 3015 Lobsinger Line, to maintain retail postal services in Heidelberg. As a result, today, we informed the operators of Forwell Super Variety that we are terminating our agreement with them. Due to privacy considerations we are unable to provide you with additional information concerning the termination.

It is always our desire to maintain a retail presence in a community. As a result, we will visit businesses in Heidelberg over the next few days.

Our Heidelberg customers can obtain their postal services from the St. Clements Post Office, 3539 Lobsinger Line, St. Clements. The St. Clements office offers the full range of postal services and products and is open Monday to Friday 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. and Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The distance from the Heidelberg outlet to the St. Clements Post Office is less than 3 kilometres.

As you may be aware, Heidelberg residents have obtained their mail from boxes located inside the postal outlet. On a temporary basis, their mail will be available through General Delivery at the St. Clements office.

Effective, Monday, February 20, 2012, residents of Heidelberg will obtain their mail from Community Mailboxes situated at 10 locations within Heidelberg. These locations have been selected with the assistance of employees from your municipality. I have enclosed a sheet with information about Community Mailboxes.

As a result of the change to Community Mailbox service the mailing address of Heidelberg residents will change from a box number to their civic address.

Residents of Heidelberg will receive written notice of the closure of the retail outlet and of their change in mail delivery.

ENVELOPE
Township
File No. 13/12



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to anyone *jusqu'à vous*

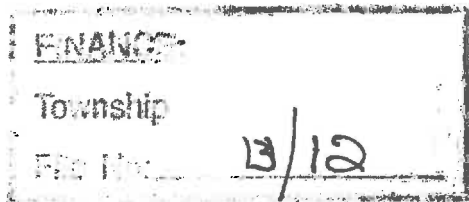
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If you require additional information please contact Bill Dopp, Manager – Brantford Local Area – Canada Post. Mr. Dopp can be contacted via phone at 519-752-2505 ext. 2000 or via email at bill.dopp@canadapost.ca. Mr. Dopp's mailing address is:

Bill Dopp
Manager – Brantford Local Area
Canada Post
58 Dalhousie Street
BRANTFORD ON N3T 2J0

Yours truly

Tom Creech
Communications Officer



From: Teresa Maziarz

Sent: Tuesday, January 17, 2012 06:40 PM

To: Harold@HaroldAlbrechtMP.ca <Harold@HaroldAlbrechtMP.ca>; Ross Kelterborn; Todd Cowan; Ken Seiling

Cc: john.caines@canadapost.ca <john.caines@canadapost.ca>

Subject: FW: Canada Post services in Heidelberg

Greetings to all,

We are following up on our below email, to request your intervention in order that the current level of postal service can be maintained for Heidelberg residents – in other words, at a local postal outlet. To this end, we are also copying Canada Post spokesperson, Mr. John Caines.

Without repeating all of our concerns as stated below, we believe that the issue of the safety of residents and other users of our community roads is of prime concern, due to the traffic congestion that will ensue.

Perhaps Canada Post has not considered the uniqueness of this community, in that we share the roads with Mennonite brethren who travel by horse and buggy, whose safety we believe will also be compromised due to this change.

Although the matter of postal service may be considered a federal matter, we believe that the issue of safety also calls for the involvement of our local and regional representatives.

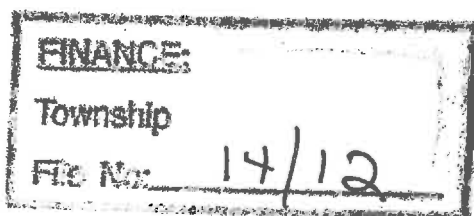
We must convey also that we are appalled at the lack of any community outreach whatsoever on this matter by Canada Post and the short notice that was provided concerning the closure of the postal outlet.

We were also surprised to learn today that our address has changed, specifically, our postal code. In this regard also, we have been provided with an insufficient amount of time (and with an insufficient number of courtesy cards) by which to inform agencies and persons of the change in our address.

Your assistance on behalf of Heidelberg residents would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Teresa and John Maziarz



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From: Dennis Wharton

Sent: Thursday, January 19, 2012 03:46 PM

To: phergott@township.wellesley.on.ca <phergott@township.wellesley.on.ca>; Ross Kelterborn

Subject: Closure of Heidelberg Post Office

Harold Albrecht MP Kitchener Conestoga

Michael D Harris MPP Kitchener Conestoga

Ross Kelterborn Mayor, Township of Wellesley

Paul Hergott Ward 4 Wellesley

Todd Cowan Mayor, Township of Wellesley

Mark Bauman Councillor Ward 2 Woolwich

Re: Closing of the Heidelberg Post Office

Gentlemen:

You are all aware of Canada Post's announcement reported in the Record on Monday, Jan 16. If the report is accurate, Canada Post's intentions are twofold. Number 1 is to replace indoor mail pickup in Heidelberg with a number of 'super boxes' in town and number 2, to close down the retail location at Forwell's Super Variety and place this service in another location in town. All of you no doubt have heard from your constituents and suspect not many of them are pleased with this turn of events.

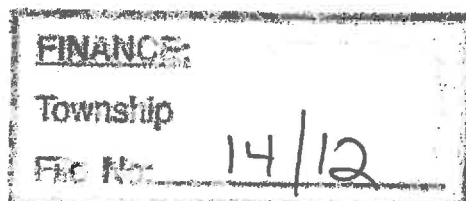
I am sure that Canada Post has already acquired the appropriate permissions to complete step one. Step 2 however will be much more difficult to achieve. The number of alternatives to Forwell's can literally be counted on one hand and almost every one of them is in the food industry (Stemmler's Meats, Bella Pizza and the Heidelberg Hotel). The one exception is a small shop at the corner of Lobsinger and Arthur Road. Other than mail delivery, this announcement means that Canada Post is closing up shop and moving out of Heidelberg.

As owner of the commercial property at 3009 Lobsinger Line (the former Home Hardware Store) I have the space necessary to operate a retail location. The problem though, is that the profits generated at a retail location in Heidelberg will come nowhere near enough to justify the cost of operating it. Therefore, to continue to provide full mail services to Heidelberg will mean that CP will have to scrap their new model and replace it along the lines of services being provided in other small towns in the area such as St Clements and Petersburg.

I am prepared to meet with any of you and/or with Canada Post to discuss how such an arrangement can be drafted and at what cost.

Yours truly

Dennis Wharton Owner
3009 Lobsinger Line



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