



**CITY COUNCIL  
HAMILTON, CANADA**

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May 4, 2015

The Honourable Lisa Raitt  
Minister of Transport  
House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario  
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Dear Minister,

On Friday May 1st a resident of the City of Hamilton had their gas line severed by a subcontractor working for Canada Post leaving the resident without hot water for the weekend and as of Tuesday he still has no gas service.

Our number one concern in the placement of these super mailboxes is that they be placed with all due consideration of safety. With Canada Post cutting through gas lines and sprinkler systems it is only a matter of time before someone is seriously injured during this process.

Additionally, many of our residents have invested time and money by looking after these right-of-ways for years by laying sod, cutting the grass and in some cases even installing sprinkler systems to maintain the appearance of the property and of the neighbourhood.

The City of Hamilton created a bylaw in order to establish a process to ensure that mailboxes are installed in safe locations with respect to sightlines, traffic, lighting and accessibility. The permit process also gives the City the mechanism to work with homeowners to ensure investments in landscaping, trees and even sprinkler systems are not damaged by an installation done without a permit.

We respectfully request that you direct Canada Post to cease all of their installations in the City of Hamilton and adhere to our bylaws which were drafted with the safety of both our residents and the contractors in mind.

Sincerely Yours,

Tom Jackson  
Councillor, Ward 6

Scott Duvall  
Councillor, Ward 7

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