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March 20, 2018

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau,  
Prime Minister of Canada  
Via Email: justin.trudeau@parl.gc.ca

Dear Prime Minister:

**Re:** Postal Banking

**File Number:** GR.04.02 Postal Banking

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At a meeting held on March 19, 2018, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #GG-155-18:

Whereas the Federal Government's Canada Post Review did conclude, in 2017, with the government announcing decisions on the future of Canada Post;

Whereas this review did not seriously consider postal banking even though the Minister responsible for Canada Post promised that all options would be considered;

Whereas there is an urgent need for this service because thousands of rural towns and villages do not have a bank and nearly two million Canadians desperately need alternatives to payday lenders;

Whereas postal banking helps keep post offices viable and financial services accessible in many parts of the world;

Whereas postal banking has the support of over 600 municipalities and close to two-thirds of Canadians;

Whereas the small rural community of Orono, Ontario is losing its bank September 21, 2018 and is a community largely populated by seniors who do not drive or have bus services, and nearest financial institution will be 10 km away;

Be it resolved that the Municipality of Clarington supports the addition of postal banking at Canada Post, with a mandate for financial inclusion with the possibility of the Orono Post Office as its Pilot Project;

That the Municipality of Clarington call on the Federal Government to ensure that a serious examination of postal banking is part of the government's response to the Canada Post Review; and

That Council direct staff to forward this resolution, requesting favourable considerations of this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, AMO, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, Premier Kathleen Wynn, Durham MP's and MPP's, MP's and MPP's from Northumberland Peterborough South and the Honourable Carla Qualtrough of Public Services and Procurement.

Accordingly, the Municipality of Clarington would ask that you consider the above proposal a part of the Canada Post Review process.

Yours truly,



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Deputy Clerk

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- c. Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier  
Honourable Carla Qualtrough, Minister of Public Services and Procurement  
Jenny Gerbasi, President, Federation of Canadian Municipalities  
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