

Letters

Goal still to keep Stouffville post office open

Dear Editor,
We appreciate the 'reprieve' on our post office. But we are fighting a giant corporation and we need giant tools. We have been polite, passive and persistent. Our citizens have shown their support to the tune of 1,500 signatures on our petition: our original objective was and still is to keep and retain our Stouffville post office in tact.

To place "stamp outlets" in the downtown core is not our objective. Our objective and determined goal is still and will continue to be to keep our post office and their employees just where they are - in our downtown sector. To purchase only stamps is not realistic. Our private citizens do not just purchase a 43-cent, plus GST stamp. They send and receive parcels. To take it a step further, several of our people work from their homes. They receive and send parcels related to their business. They rely on the security of their parcels. This security is provided by Canada Post outlets. Franchise outlets are not sufficiently equipped to provide the security we are entitled to, i.e. clerks are stocking shelves while customers are wait-

ing. As an example, I paid a visit to a retail outlet recently. I waited only to see a clerk stocking shelves, totally oblivious to the postal section. I could very easily have leisurely gone behind the counter and helped myself to any number of parcels. We must take a tougher stance with Canada Post. We must also keep this issue alive and try to educate our citizens and business community as to the seriousness of and the principal of the intention of Canada Post to remove our post office in its entirety. This is just

another example of the ever-increasing dictatorial society we are becoming subjected to. By corporations and various government

departments, we must stand collectively and fight for what is rightfully ours.

As a crown corporation with shareholders, Canada Post does have to answer to the people.

Lynda Norman,
Save Our Post Office

Find another way to install gas lines

Dear Editor,
The Town of Stouffville is killing several hundred year old trees for the sake of a gas line! Can't believe it? Drive up Church Street and have a look at the markers on the south side of Frederick Street in the heart of old Stouffville. Notice those lovely hundred year old pines? Nice, aren't they? Well if the Town has their way, these trees will soon be wood chips! The Town in its infinite wisdom has told the contractors to

dig on the south side of Frederick Street right at the lot line. This will destroy several of the old trees in my neighbor's yard. Why would a town that values its heritage and even has a bylaw protecting trees allow this senselessness? I too would like to have gas at our home, but not if it means the destruction of these old trees. Please, let's find another way.

Cathi Moore
Stouffville

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