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Mail Strike Contingency Plan for the City of Cambridge New Processes for Some Business Operations

Cambridge, Ontario. June 15, 2011... Following the announcement by Canada Post to suspend mail delivery in urban locations nation-wide, the City of Cambridge wishes to advise community members of its contingency plan to maintain business operations.

"Our priority is to communicate the temporary measures we are taking to share our back up plans with our citizens as we move forward to maintain business as usual for the most part," says Steven Fairweather, Commissioner of Corporate Services.

To minimize the impact on the people and companies that do business with the City, an alternative customer service approach is in place for accounts payable. The City is now accepting invoices by fax transmission directed to (519) 623-6364. When the cheque is ready, the recipient may connect with the City to arrange to pick it up.

There will be no change to the Tenders and Bids processes as the corporation will continue to issue information by email, courier, in person and will also publish details in the news media and on the City's website.

In terms of tax collection, a large quantity of tax bills was sent through the Canada Post mail system earlier this week prior to the full service disruption. This mailing represented the 2011 final tax bills for residential, farmland and managed forest properties. The payment due dates are July 4 and September 1, 2011.

"If you have not received your account statement for residential, farmland and managed forest properties by Monday June 27th and you need more information from us, we'd be happy to assist. Please wait until next Monday to connect as we are investigating enhanced online options and if needed we will also have more support staff in place to better handle your inquiries," Fairweather adds.

The remainder of the 2011 final tax bills for commercial, industrial and multi-residential properties will issued in late July or early August with a due date of September 1, 2011.

The new Water/Wastewater billings process will proceed as normal, however should the mail disruption continue into the next mailing cycle, the City may revert back to hand delivery as a temporary measure.

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The City of Cambridge is one of the fastest growing areas in the country. It is strategically located astride highway 401 in southwestern Ontario, part of Canada's Technology Triangle. In 2010, the population reached over 130,000 people. With a multicultural mix and a strong foundation of support services, Cambridge has a diverse economic base with leading industries in advanced manufacturing, automotive, high technology, pharmaceutical, business and financial services and hospitality/retail. The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a progressive work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with opportunities for career growth and advancement.

You meet the nicest people in Cambridge. It's a place that understands all about coming together. There is so much more to Cambridge than the beautiful lands created at the convergence of two rivers or its logistically perfect location in the heart of Ontario's economic corridor. Cambridge is the coming together of people from diverse, close-knit and proud communities. The people of Cambridge 'do the right thing' by respecting history, family values, a sound work ethic, the arts, environment and advancement. A young city, Cambridge is a master of balancing the excitement and promise of the new with the historical significance and stability of the old. A place where coming together is just the start. Uniting together is what sets Cambridge apart. Undiscovered-Cambridge families and entrepreneurs get more for less, and sacrifice nothing.

The Corporation of the City of Cambridge is an employer with a work environment that offers the opportunity to provide service to the community through creativity and innovation, and with potential for career growth and advancement. For more information on the area or the corporation visit www.cambridge.ca. The City of Cambridge press room is located at <http://www.cambridge.ca/pressroom>. To opt out of the news release distribution, please send an email to Linda Fegan feganl@cambridge.ca.