To: April 23, 2001 Council Mtg.
pc: Manager, Cultural Services
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April 17, 2001

Mayor and Councillors of the City of Richmond
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Re: **Request to make a presentation to Council on April 23, 2001**

Dear Mayor and Councillors

A representative of Canada Post at a recent meeting with members of the Society offered a **postal service franchise** that requires an investment of about $22,500 in modern style counters, wall units and equipment and a $30,000 line of credit for the purchase of products from Canada Post. Before the Christmas rush this year, **Canada Post will close the current Retail Postal Outlet** that pays commission to the Society for sales of Canada Post owned inventory.

Members of the Society are concerned about the **loss of postal service** in the village if a franchise is not taken up by the Society. On the other hand if a franchise is accepted modern store fixtures will **clash with heritage** exhibits in the Museum, **financial risk** to the Society associated with the franchise is high, and increased business complexity will **divert volunteer effort** away from the preservation and presentation of the history of the village of Steveston.

At the Annual General Meeting of the Steveston Historical Society held April 11, 2001, the following motion was approved unanimously:

> **To work with the City of Richmond to jointly develop a new business plan for the Steveston Post Office and to make a new arrangement with Canada Post that encourages the maintenance of heritage values while allowing postal service to continue in the village of Steveston.**

The Society is a partner with the City at the Site and seeks direction from Council.

Fred Penland, Keith Sanders, Graham Turnbull
Postal Committee, Steveston Historical Society

Confirmed by telephone with Mr. Penland April 18, 2001

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