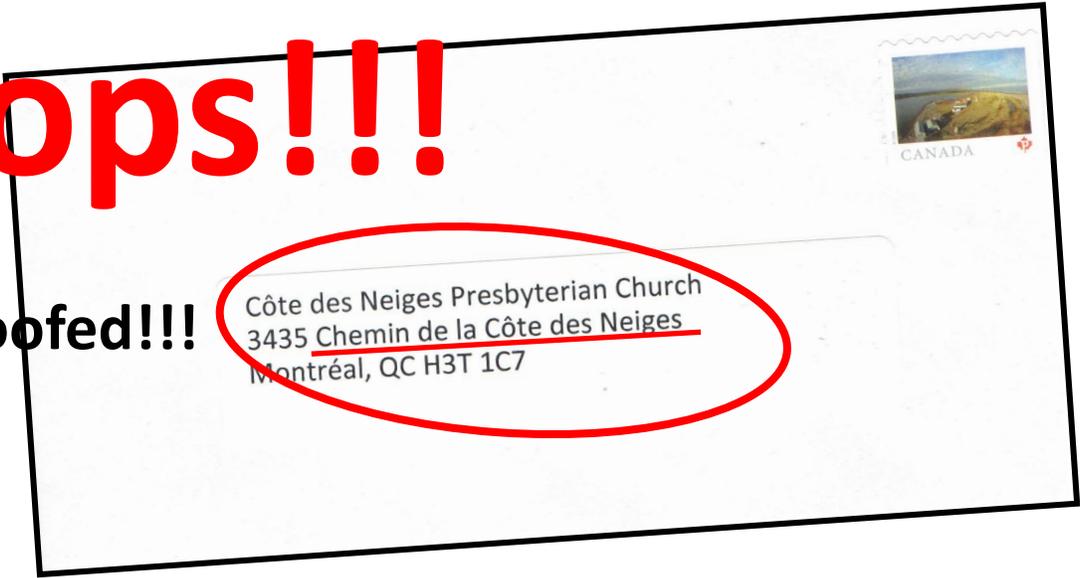


Ooops!!!

I goofed!!!



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To simplify the process for our donors while they couldn't be here with us in the building, we included a pre-stamped return envelope with several of our latest mailings. Apparently, I wasn't paying attention and got our own address wrong on the pre-printed return envelopes!!!

Because the name of the church, the civic number, the city, and the postal code are all correct, many dozens of envelopes got through without a problem. And since 3435 Cote des Neiges doesn't exist, none of our mail (and none of your contributions) went to anybody else!

The post office has been very helpful. They explained that when an envelope first enters the mailstream, a machine with an optical reader takes a first stab at the address and directs it to the right zone by using the postal code. Once the envelopes get to our local depot, the carriers who sort their routes know the area and even pieces that are slightly misaddressed get through to us.

The Post Office has been checking for us and none of the misaddressed pieces of mail found their way either to the local lost mail bin, or to the central one at the main office.

The Post Office's protocol worked with most of our envelopes. When the first optical reader kicked out the envelopes because the address and postal code didn't match (H3T 1C7 would not be the postal code for 3435 Cote des Neiges, even if it did exist!) a human took a second look and found most of a recognizable address (correct name, civic number, city and postal code) and re-routed it to us with barely a blip in time. In a few unusual cases, the optical reader deciphered a return address and opted to send it back there instead of kicking it out - which is one of the ways we discovered our goof! (Actually, MY goof.) So it is always a good idea to take a minute to add your return address before dropping any envelope in the mail - you never know!

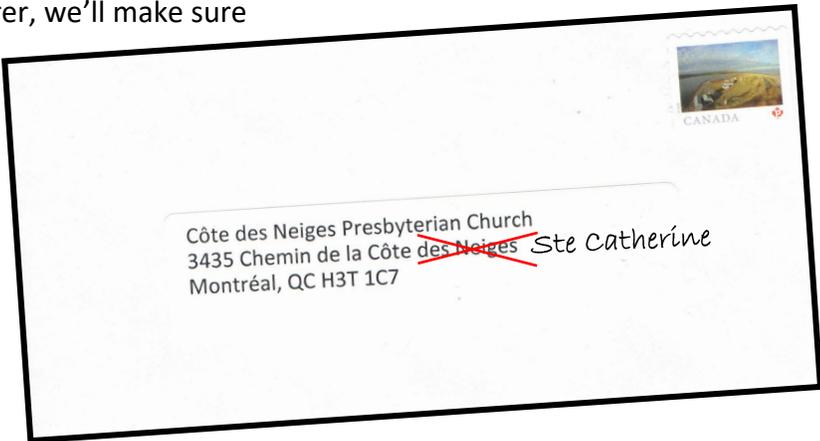
If you have any of the return envelopes left, the stamp is still good, and you can simply make the adjustment to the address by hand. If you have any concerns about whether an envelope you have sent made it through, or about a cheque that hasn't been cashed, please don't hesitate to email or call me, or the treasurer, we'll make sure that nothing goes missing:

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I apologize for the error.

Joel



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