

# RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF BENGOUGH NO. 40

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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review  
330 Sparks Street (HCCR)  
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### **Re: Deregulating Public Post Offices**

To Whom It May Concern:

At a regular meeting held on July 10, 2008 the Council of the Rural Municipality of Bengough No. 40 passed a resolution that opposes the deregulating of the Public Post Offices in Canada.

This Council is apprehensive of the deregulation of our Public Post Offices because where this has been done in other countries it has lead to post office closures, fewer jobs and higher postal rates.

The Community of Bengough is a medium sized Town with one post office that serves the Rural Municipality of Bengough (RM) as well. If our local Post Office were to close the ratepayers of both the Town and RM would have to drive a minimum of 85 kilometers to send and receive letter mail. This, along with higher postal rates, would be extremely cost prohibitive to the small businesses as well as to the ratepayers of the Town and RM.

The issue of fewer jobs also concerns the RM. Because Bengough is a mid-sized town there are limited jobs and to take two more away would be damaging to this Community. Bengough is currently in the midst of an Economic Boom and to eliminate such a vital service could be extremely detrimental to this Community.

Although the deregulation of Postal Offices does not necessarily mean that the post office will close, it will become more and more difficult for the local Post Office to serve its patrons in a cost-effective and time-efficient manner.

Although we are moving largely into an "electronic" world there is still a great demand for the services offered by the Canada Post Offices. There will always be the need to deliver parcels and so far this cannot be done electronically and using a courier service is much more expensive then mailing through Canada Post, and many courier services require a street address which currently does not exist in rural areas of the Country.

The Rural Municipality of Bengough No. 40 would like to strongly urge this Strategic Review Panel to reconsider the deregulation of our local Canada Post Offices as the services offered through each Post Office are an invaluable part of every day life for all of Canada's small & large businesses as well as for individual patrons.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lara Scott', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Lara Scott, RMA

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