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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
330 Sparks Street (HCCR)
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N9

Attention: Strategic Review Board

Dear Board Member;

The Town of Bird Cove would like it to be known that they are supporting the Canadian Union of Postal Workers in their opposition to a quick review of our public post offices without public consultations and input. It is the understanding of the Town of Bird Cove that this review is being undertaken with the idea in mind to make changes to postal services we currently depend upon.

Any changes to Canada Post that would result in the closure of rural post offices, loss of employment, postal services privatised and or rate increases would be detrimental to the economy and culture of rural Newfoundland.

Most rural, small municipalities in Newfoundland and Labrador are dependant on Canada Post for the everyday business of providing services locally such as invoicing residents, receiving payments of municipal taxes, and sending notices. Canada Post is widely used for secure and efficient delivery of items such as contracts and Government Guarantees and payments. Most municipalities have very little access to any other method of conducting business. Canada Post offers a cost efficient, safe, secure and private outlet for municipalities where confidentiality and accountability is essential. Privatising of these services would likely jeopardize these services and make the cost of doing business too expensive for most municipalities like the Town of Bird Cove.

The struggle to survive as a productive and worthy organization, run by volunteers, is one that is offset somewhat by the availability of Governments services like Canada Post. A loss of, or an increase in, the cost of using these services could be the end of a rural municipalities ability to function while trying to maintain expected standards of service and accountability.

The Town of Bird Cove request that any reviews conducted have full public consultations before changes are considered or implemented.

Thank you,



Mayor Richard May,

cc. Canadian Union of Postal Workers