

Canada Post Corporation is long overdue for an overhaul. I have spent much of my life living in northern, isolated communities. Canada Post services are sometimes the only option for receiving goods considering the high price of air travel and air cargo. That being said CPC is missing the boat when it comes to providing guaranteed reliable services. Often times it takes 3-4 weeks for goods to be received after they are sent by suppliers. I have seen mail and parcels sitting in contracted post offices for weeks before it gets sent out. I don't know if this is a restricted volume policy (don't send until you have XX amount – weight or volume) of CPC as it relates to their contractors, but for an individual or business using the services of CPC it is very frustrating seeing goods sit in post offices or seeing goods sit in transportation services waiting to be delivered.

With respect to foodmail services they are also very restrictive relying on a sole contract transportation provider, this forces the end user to use that airline only, subject to that airline companies schedules. We should be able to have foodmail sent on any transportation provider but it should be our choice, not CPC's.

The strategic review says that they are looking at various ways to “modernize” and make CPC more efficient and effective as a universal supplier of mail distribution. If you want postal workers to become more efficient and effective, they need to have a vested interest in CPC. This does not need to be done via privatization of various CPC components, I believe that would endanger the universal nature of CPC services and end up in higher costs to users of the CPC services. In order for the postal workers to gain a vested interest in CPC, the government needs to consider making them a partner. Offer the CUPW a share of profits, say 20-25% of after expenses profits NOT including the dividends the Federal Government takes off the top, such share would be distributed equally to all postal workers, or let the union as a whole decide where profits would be held or distributed. I would say that if a vested interest of all workers were established, CPC would start to turn a profit immediately, just by the rise in productivity. When you can see a share of the profits you tend to work harder to manage, control, and expend valuable resources. This vested interest may also serve to improve creativity in the way things are done (R&D), products and services offered, and of course the effectiveness and efficiency of CPC as a whole.

It is the Canadian citizens who “own” CPC. We need to keep it universal for all, keep it public, and make it work in the best of Canada.

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