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Canada Post Corporation  
Strategic Review  
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Dear Panel;

There are several comments I wish to make and they are:

- 1) Canada Post should be the exclusive public mail carrier in Canada!
- 2) Small community postal outlets must remain. In these times of high energy costs and poor to non-existent rural public transit, these community outlets are vital. They provide employment and allow the public local access to postal service. Otherwise, the public would have to travel 15-20 miles that is ( 24-32 km) to buy a postage stamp or mail a letter.
- 3) How can three people make such important decisions for a whole nation? I have read the bios of the panel members and they are impressive, but I doubt any of them have the knowledge of what it is really like to live in a small isolated community in many areas of this vast country. One has to experience life in such places to really understand the challenges.
- 4) Regarding marketing and competition; there is a small market and no competition in most small rural areas of Canada. It is not fair or logical to compare those needs with urban areas such as Toronto, Ottawa, Vancouver, Montreal or even Halifax. And those citizens should not be treated like 2<sup>nd</sup> class people either!
- 5) As a federal crown corporation, Canada Post has an obligation and responsibility to ALL Canadians, regardless of where they live to supply a postal service. It is not necessary to make a huge profit, it merely needs to cover costs.

6) As for commercial activities and performance targets, Canada Post is a public service, it is not a commercial activity. The only performance target it is responsible for is to provide a postal service to the Canadian public. It is not required by the public to make a profit. The only performance target is to get the postal needs of Canadians executed in a timely manner. The corporation and government are servants of the public, not the public a servant of the corporation or the government! Public consultation is vital to the preservation of democracy.

Thank you;

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dorothy Carson". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Dorothy Carson