

THE TOWN OF CHANNEL - PORT AUX BASQUES

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Government of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
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ATTENTION: Honourable Stephen Harper, MP
Prime Minister

Dear Sir:

The Town Council of Channel - Port aux Basques wishes to express its concerns regarding the Federal Government's conducting of a quick review of our public post office (Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review) that could have a far reaching negative impact on our public post office system. Our concern is that the Federal Government is not holding public hearings to allow the ordinary citizens of this country to voice their concerns. This fact alone sends out red flags. Rural towns such as Channel - Port aux Basques have seen and felt the negative impact of changes by government in the name of progress. To undertake such a review that potentially could change the face of postal services in Canada, most certainly should provide every Canadian the opportunity to voice their views by way of public consultation.

The Town of Channel - Port aux Basques enjoys the existing services that are provided by Canada Post and supports the following points raised by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW).

- remain a publicly owned enterprise, responsible to the public and Parliament;
- adhere to its public service mandate;
- retain the exclusive privilege for letters;
- provide door to door delivery in urban areas;
- provide rural delivery;
- deliver admail;

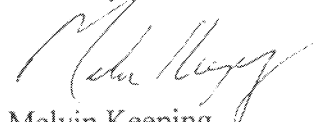
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- offer industry leading parcel and courier services to small businesses;
- develop new products and services;
- keep jobs in communities where the work is located;
- maintain post offices in rural and urban communities;
- provide employees with safe, unionized jobs, fair wages, and good working conditions;
- share the benefits of technological change with workers and the public;
- maximize environmentally friendly practices.

Though we are only a very small voice in this great country of ours, we are no less Canadians. We trust our views are seriously considered and at the end of the process we will continue to receive the rights and privileges of the Canada Postal Act.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,



Melvin Keeping
Town Manager

Per Town Council of Channel - Port aux Basques

cc Honourable Bill Matthews, MP

cc Canadian Union of Postal Workers