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Canada Post Strategic Review,  
330 Sparks Street,  
Ottawa, Ontario.  
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Re: Review of our Canada Postal Service

Kersley is a community located 22 km. south of the City of Quesnel in British Columbia. We rely on our postal service, which is distributed in our rural postal boxes. By a unanimous vote at the recent monthly meeting of the Kersley Community Association, it was decided to send off this letter to you, voicing our objection to any consideration on the part of the government, toward privatizing any functions of the Canada Postal Service.

We have developed over the years, what is probably one of the best postal systems in the world. So, why fix something "if it ain't broke"? Assessing our postal service, we can only come to the conclusion that:

- It is efficient
- It is trustworthy and secure
- It is affordable
- It is speedily delivered and on time

We have a perfect example of privatizing here in British Columbia. And that is our highways maintenance. The lowest bidder gets the contract for that specific area of the province. When the contract comes up for renewal, some other company makes a lower bid, and thus gets the contract. Then a new bunch comes in, who haven't a clue what to do and where. We have a perfect example of this here in the Quesnel Highways District. The new company here, has even been fined for not living up to the terms of the contract, and the government has been flooded with complaints about their performance. Our community has lodged some of those complaints. It is most frustrating, when you have had proper maintenance and service, to have another company come along and not meet the standards you expect and have become accustomed to. And so it will go with contracting out our postal service. The contractor makes a bid in order to make a profit, and that alone. And to make that profit, many cost cutting measures will be implemented, to the detriment of the public expecting their mail as before. After one company learns the ropes, it will be replaced by another company with a lower bid, whose employees will start learning the ropes from the bottom.

If the government is looking for a vicious backlash from the voters, they will get exactly that should the postal service be privatized. You have been warned of the probable consequences!

Yours very truly,

  
Wayne Charlton - President  
Kersley Community Assn.