

Dear Panel,

I am a Post Worker and a citizen of Kingsville, Ontario. I am also a President of Local 500 Canadian Union of Postal Workers and represent in excess of 130 hard working, proud to serve the public, Postal Workers. Those workers live and support communities of Amherstburg, Windsor, Comber, Cottam, Harow, Essex, Staples, Wheatley, Woodslee, McGregor, Leamington, Ruthven, Chatham and surrounding area.

I have issue with the timing of this review particularly because it was done at a time when the public is in "vacation mode: not aware of the importance of this review. My fear is that the feedback from an informed public will not show the support they have for keeping the service they have. I have talked to many of them and they are shocked at the possibility of having any change to their existing service.

There is a greater need for transparency on this issue... the public must have the debate... not the politicians.

I had asked the Essex County Council to allow me time at their next meeting for a thorough briefing of this review complete with any necessary explanations of potential deregulation of postal services and the impact on consumers and businesses.

Unfortunately, the next scheduled meeting is the day after submissions are closed hence, the reason I am writing.

It is my opinion that any deregulation of Crown Corporation universal postal service is a ill-fated, disastrous move. It has proven so across the world in countries where it was "tried".

I think we have much to be proud of, leaving this service intact as it is, and staying far away from the hands of any private investment of any kind and deregulation of our amazing service would undermine that, opening a Pandora's box.

This is a PUBLIC POST OFFICE and stands as one of the last bastions of that history... why would we need or want to toy with that success?

I don't need to remind you of the enormous geographical area and the millions of pieces of mail, parcels and airmail that Canada Post employees move each day. In an era of impending economic distress and severe employment downturn, in Ontario for certain, these good paying, well benefitted jobs insure that the goods are purchased and services are secured for innumerable business.

Additionally, Canada Post and all its dedicated employees have secured profits of upwards of \$400,000.00 in the last 11 years. When our mandate was to break even, while re-investing in the postal system, how can this be regarded as "not enough"?

I am stating my belief that if this review should focus on re-inventing Canada Post to be the envy of countries around the world and that we collectively and creatively put our heads together to find novel and exciting means to increase our public postal services to be the very best in the world, (despite the fact that it is doing well now), then I am in support. If the strategic review panel and our government look toward deregulation to keep happy those wanting another market share of the public post office... I say very strongly... NO!!!!

I speak for all my members in this regard.

Regards,

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