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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
330 Sparks Street
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Subject: Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review

The City of Merritt Council welcomes this opportunity to make a submission to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review (CPCSR).

We are writing because we are very concerned about the future of universal, public postal service in Canada.

As users of the mail, we are concerned by the kind of changes being considered by the CPCSR, such as deregulation of our public post office. The City of Merritt relies on the mail for a number of reasons including but not limited to:

- Tax notices
- Vendor payments
- Notices of Official Community Plan and Zoning Bylaw Amendments pursuant to the **Local Government Act**
- Daily City correspondence

Overall, full-scale postal deregulation has not worked well. The City of Merritt is very concerned that deregulation would negatively affect our members and has great concerns if there exists any possibility that our Post Office will be closed.

The residents of the City of Merritt have a real stake in our public post office. We are concerned, from this perspective, that the government is not holding public hearings as part of its review of Canada Post. Any review of our public post office should include public hearings. The government should not make any decisions about our public post office until it has properly consulted with the public.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Laird".

David Laird,
Mayor

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