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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
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To whom it may concern:

We as a municipality is writing this letter to you on behalf of the
Canadian Union of Postal Workers.

There are several points that we wish to bring attention to:

1. Deregulation - reducing or eliminating Canada Post the privilege of handling addressed letters is deregulation.
2. Public service or business goals - The government should stop taking millions in dividends from Canada Post and start investing money in public postal services like post offices, rural delivery and door-to-door delivery.
3. Public hearings - 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. The government should also extend the deadline for submissions.

The government's review is focussing on the following areas:

A. Market and Competition

B. Public Policy Objectives and Responsibilities

At the moment, Canada Post's universal service obligation (USO) is not defined. The review will have to define the USO in order to cost it. What will be included? What will be left out? We do not know. Costing the USO is really as means of assigning a dollar figure to providing universal postal services. CUPW believes that we have a social responsibility to maintain valued, secure and universally accessible public postal services for everyone. The exclusive privilege provides Canada Post with the funds necessary to finance these services. The review should not be used to identify the costs of the less economical services, such as delivery to isolated areas, in order to justify eliminating or the contracting out of services.

C. Commercial Activities - This means the review is considering deregulation of Canada Post. Providing Canada Post with an exclusive privilege to handle addressed letters is a form of regulation. Reducing or eliminating this privilege is deregulation.

D. Financial and Performance Targets

Also, there are five reasons to oppose deregulation to our public post office:

1. Deregulation would jeopardize universal postal services
2. Deregulation would result in higher prices, reduced service or both
3. Deregulation would destroy jobs and transform good jobs into bad jobs
4. Deregulation would hurt the environment
5. Deregulation would reduce the security and privacy of the mail

Conclusion:

We as a municipality use the public post office to do all mailing of letters and parcels. We also pick up our mail there. Private sector mail providers does not service our community. It will be difficult for Canada Post to improve public postal service if the government erodes or eliminates the mechanism that funds this service (i.e. the exclusive privilege).

Yours sincerely

Town of Miles Cove

CANADA POST CORPORATION STRATEGIC REVIEW

Whereas the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review, which was launched by the federal government on April 21, 2008, is looking at deregulating our public post office (i.e. reducing or removing Canada Post's exclusive privilege on letters)

Whereas it will become increasingly difficult for our public post office to provide affordable services to everyone, no matter where they live, if the government erodes or eliminates the very mechanism that funds universal postal service - the exclusive privilege.

Whereas postal deregulation in other countries has led to post office closures, less service, fewer jobs and higher postal rates for the public and small businesses.

Whereas the government is not holding public hearings as part of its strategic review or adequately consulting with real owners of the post office - the public.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town of Miles Cove send a letter or submission to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review opposing deregulation of Canada Post and insisting that the government hold public hearings and properly consult with the true owners of Canada Post - the public.