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To Whom It May Concern:

Council of the Town of Sackville passed the following resolution at their Regular Council meeting held on July 14, 2008:

#08-185 MOVED BY COUNCILLOR JOYCE O'NEIL AND SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR MICHAEL TOWER THAT 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 SERVICE 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 THE REAL OWNERS OF THE POST OFFICE – THE PUBLIC.

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE TOWN OF SACKVILLE 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. MOTION CARRIED.

We strongly urge that the government hold public hearings in order to hear the views of the public and public interest groups before proceeding further with the review.

Yours truly,



Patricia Estabrooks
Mayor

Cc Canadian Union of Postal Workers

