

Good-day,

I live in the town of Two Hills Alberta. As a small business owner there, I am very concerned about the possible implications of this strategic review.

The life's-blood of my business is highly dependent on Canada Post providing me with reasonable rates in which I can remain in business. I am aware that there are large companies like UPS who would love to tap into the major markets/cities, but I feel there is little doubt we/rural folks would be left paying exorbitant prices for our mailing needs.

Essentially, I understand that the larger markets subsidize my postage rates. Now, should these "profit" oriented companies be allowed to pick and choose the lucrative markets? I'm sure this will be a great detriment to me and my business that surely wouldn't be part of their service area...and if it was it would likely become a weekly or by-weekly service...which for me would be extremely detrimental.

From what I know, Canada Post has done quite well for itself being profitable ever since it became a crown corporation. Why should we tamper with something that seems to work well for ALL Canadians? Our public post office is the envy of the world and we should keep it as such.

Lest we forget the days Canada Post was a burden on taxpayer mounting losses in the hundreds of millions in years gone by. We have a self-sufficient post office which is not a burden on the country -- that in itself is a rarity. I can't say strongly enough how much their service means to me and others in our community.

If money and profits are going to destroy more little people like myself...then it is truly a sad statement on our government. We are the taxpayers, we built this country...not some huge American Company coming in here to steal all the quality wheat and leave us holding the chaff.

Regards,
James Schultz