

Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review,

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I firmly believe that there should be public hearings around any review of our public postal service. The public has a right to have input into what kind of service that is provided by Canada Post.

Canada Post should be there to provide the same service at a reasonable cost from coast to coast to coast, whether we live in the urban or rural areas of this vast country. There is no good reason to change the mechanism that funds universal postal service – the exclusive privilege. We in Canada currently have one of the lowest standard postage rates in the industrial world. Our postal services are universal and affordable. My understanding when the post office became a Crown corporation, business and other groups insisted that the Canada Post Corporation Act include a provision ensuring that “postage rates shall be fair, reasonable and sufficient to defray the costs incurred by the Corporation in the conduct of its operations under this Act.”

Canada Post shouldn't have become a bank roll for the government of Canada. Money should be put back into service and expansion of service. Thereby the government should stop taking millions in dividends from Canada Post and put the money back into the service that all Canadians can use and enjoy with pride.

The erosion of services in rural communities has strayed far from what it was intended to be already. Whether it is the loss of the rural post office, loss of 6 day delivery, or the loss of the mail box at the end of the driveway, the erosion continues. If this review approves of deregulation and opens up the delivery of the so-called free market, this will result in total destruction of the postal system that we have now. Urban delivery would be a prime target for big business, however profit oriented carriers will not want to incur the cost of doing business in the rural communities, and therefore no one would want to take on these clients. The cost of gas, wear and tear on vehicles, and the cost of doing business in the rural communities would be a deterrent for a business investor. Again the rural communities would suffer with these changes. I question the reasoning for this review.....Why would someone sell off a company that is making millions of profit each year??? Is there pressure from the government to give some of the corporate friends some of these profits before the next election? Was this an election promise to deregulate Canada Post?

Canada Post and our postal service shouldn't be for sale.....what about the security of the mail? Who answers to problems with delivery? Who will care if your mail is not delivered properly? We have already witnessed the service one receives at a Retail Postal outlet....this is their secondary business (to bring people in to their primary business) I have had mail returned after mailing it from one of these outlets because they put the wrong postage amount on the item. The training is secondary to the service received at a real corporate outlet.

I, like many individuals am very suspicious as to why there is no public consultation with such an important issue as our mail delivery. Everyone looks for their mail each and everyday of their lives; it is what connects us a cultural mosaic that continues to engage

Canadians despite the reliance on the electronic medium. This review should include expansion of services offered by Canada Post not the elimination of services that we hold near and dear in Canada. The court of public opinion will raise its' head come the next election if indeed it comes to pass... that Canada Post is deregulated like the airline industry where some towns have lost service, and the airline industry is all profit before service to the public. All Canadians count on getting their mail in a timely, secure manner and at a reasonable rate for all citizens across this country.

Postal deregulation in other countries has resulted in postal closures, less service, of course fewer jobs and higher postal rates for the public and small business people. Why even entertain this idea at all? We have the second largest geographic country in the world and our postal system is universal and affordable to everyone. I urge the review committee to think long and hard before dismantling our postal system as it stands today. Canada Post should be expanding services not destroying our system, use some of the large profits to provide more services to all citizens from Coast to Coast to Coast. It appears that corporate types, taken on since the operation became a crown corporation, have been suckered into a belief that globalization and profits before all else is where this company should go. Like power companies across this country that went at wholesale prices, privatization has rarely ever resulted in a better product. Provinces like Nova Scotia have given away huge profitable companies like NS Power to their corporate political friends only to have the very public who owned the asset become burdened with huge price increases brought on by profit driven bad managers. I personally pledge here I will work hard against this current government in the next election I this self serving move towards privatization and gifts to political allies goes forward. I am available for any further discussion on the matter and insist on public consultation before ever entertaining sweeping changes. I can be contacted at any of the coordinates above.