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July 22, 2008

Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
330 Sparks Street (HCCR)
Ottawa, On.
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Dear Sir/Madam:

The Council of the R.M. of Strathcona, at their Regular Meeting of July 9, 2008, passed a Resolution, a certified copy of which is enclosed, opposing deregulation of the Public Post Office.

Being a Rural Municipality with an aging population, our residents, many of whom no longer drive, need access to a local post office and reassurance that full protection is afforded to the security and privacy of the mail. With deregulation, it is likely our municipality would lose our only Post Office, effectively cutting an essential link to the world for many of our residents.

Rural areas generally offer few jobs, especially to women. Apart from job losses, losing a Post Office would have a seriously negative effect on small communities struggling to attract new residents to the area. Many local schools have closed over the last decade and to lose a Post Office would merely serve as another nail in the coffin of small towns.

Environmental and economic concerns are also of front line importance. Deliveries from multiple sources maximize fossil fuel consumption, which in turn increases pollution; also, with rapidly accelerating fuel prices, the present fee structure for postage would not be maintainable, with multiple deliveries, in the face of such rising costs.

We trust you will review our concerns, and conscientiously examine the impact deregulation will have on small Manitoba communities.

Yours truly,

Carolyn Davies, C.M.M.A.
Chief Administrative Officer.

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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).

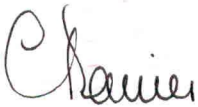
AND WHEREAS it will become increasingly difficult for our public post office to provide affordable service to everyone, no matter where they live, if the government erodes or eliminates the very mechanism that funds universal postal service – the exclusive privilege.

AND 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.

AND 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.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Rural Municipality of Strathcona send a letter 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.

Certified A True And Correct Copy Of Resolution # 211/2008
As Passed By The Council Of The Rural Municipality of Strathcona,
Duly Assembled, This 9th Day Of July, A.D. 2008.



Carolyn Davies, C.M.M.A.
Chief Administrative Officer
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