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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
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Dear Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review:

RE: Importance of Universal Public Postal Service

Northern Sunrise County was recently made aware of the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review (the Review) that was launched by the federal government on April 21, 2008. Upon examining the documentation that was provide, the Council moved to support the Canadian Union of Postal Workers resolution to save universal public postal service.

Northern Sunrise County is a progressive municipality and we are certainly accepting of changes that bring positive results for our citizens. Our Council is concerned that changes to the universal public postal service could be detrimental to the citizens of Northern Sunrise County, as they depend on the current service as a means of personal communication, an essential tool of commerce and even a place of social interaction. Retaining our current level of service, or enhancing it, is essential to the continued prosperity of our communities. Likewise, the cost of such service must remain consistent.

The population distribution in rural communities does not bode well for the private delivery of all products and services. We suspect postal service provided by means outside the public sphere would face challenges in this regard, which would ultimately lead to an erosion of services and/or an unacceptable escalation of cost.

Rural Canadians face unique challenges in today's world and we understand the economic realities of service delivery. We choose to live in these areas, knowing that we should not expect all of the conveniences found in larger urban centres. However, we feel that affordable and accessible postal service should not be considered optional. In fact, affordable and accessible postal service is a basic need for all Canadians that must be upheld into the future.

We hope that in your review you consider the vital role that the current universal public postal service plays in areas such as ours. If you require further information please do not hesitate to contact our Chief Administrative Officer, R. A. (Bob) Miles, at 780-624-0013. Thank you for your consideration and time in this regard.

Yours truly,

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