

Village of Torquay

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To Whom it may concern,

Re: Postal Deregulation

CUPW has brought it to our attention that a review is currently underway looking at deregulation of our Canada Post Offices.

The Village of Torquay Council is not interested in seeing this happen to our community. The information that has been brought to our attention includes documentation that reflects negative outcomes in other countries that have deregulated their postal services. These include: fewer jobs, less service, higher postal rates, and post office closures.

The job loss will also affect other businesses. Not only because the post office worker would be out of a job, but because many people come to town to get their mail, and buy a few things at other businesses while they are here.

Our community is now growing after many stagnant years. The post office has become one of the many services we are proud to house within our village. We count on you for trusted service, and have for as many years as I can remember. This would be a great loss if privatization were to be imposed.

CUPW has done their homework on why deregulation should not occur. They, as well as the rest of the public should have a voice in any major decision making processes Canada Post undertakes.

At the last regular meeting of council the following resolution was put forth:

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

Be it resolved that the Village of Torquay 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.

Thank you for your consideration. We, as a community, look forward to receiving the same service as we have received in the past, for years to come.

Respectfully Yours,



Thera Deschner
Administrator
for Village Council

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cc: CUPW