

TOWN OF BAINE HARBOUR

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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
330 Sparks Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0N5

Re: Public Postal Service Review

The Town of Baine Harbour is gravely concerned with your proposed undertaking to conduct a review of "the Post Office" in Canada. During discussion at our regular Council Meeting in July, 2008, we understand the review will look at a very basic and important issue: Should Canada Post continue to have an exclusive privilege to handle addressed letters or should the letter market be open to competition? We believe Canada Post should continue to have this privilege and reducing or eliminating this privilege is **just not acceptable**.

Statistics have proven that people who use deregulated post offices tend to pay a much higher postage rate than we do. Also, deregulation leads to post office closures, less service, and fewer jobs. We believe the focus should be on providing a good public service rather than on profit-making.

Our Council is very concerned that public hearings are not part of the review. The fact that you are accepting submissions only by mail, fax, e-mail or through your website is totally unacceptable. No decisions about such an important issue should be made until proper consultation is made with the public. We strongly urge you to **hold public hearings** so that the public can speak out on this crucial matter. We are the real owners of the post office and we deserve that opportunity.

We trust you will give our concerns your utmost consideration.

Sincerely yours,


Leo Gaulton
Mayor

cc: Bill Matthews, M.P., Random-Burin-St. Georges

cc: Canadian Union of Postal Workers