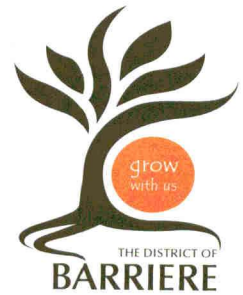


Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
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To Whom It May Concern:

As the District of Barriere's Mayor, I would like to express my and our Council's sincere concern upon hearing that the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review is conducting a report that supports deregulation of the Canada Post Office Service.

What also is surprising is that the Federal Government is not holding public hearings as part of its review. Since the public are the true owners of the post office, we as a Municipality are perplexed at why this review is not seeking public input.

Our rural community relies on our local Canada Post Office and it is my belief as well as our Council's belief, that deregulation of our universal post service would greatly reduce the quality and reliability of service. While it's understood that competition can increase customer service in many businesses, it can equally cause the opposite which has been the case in many other countries that have deregulated their postal service.

Every service can benefit from improvement and review. Canada Post is no exception. However, our universal service still possesses one of the lowest rates in the world and still remains reliable.

Myself, Council and Staff support the Canadian Union of Postal Workers and share in its concern. We ask that the Federal Government hold public hearings to inform and educate the public of the review's intentions as well as extend their deadline for submissions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike Fennell". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mayor Mike Fennell
District of Barriere

Cc: Canadian Union of Postal Workers