

Serving Our Community

July 31, 2008

Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
330 Sparks Street (HCCR)
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Sirs;

At the July 16, 2008 Town of Black Diamond Council meeting, a letter from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers was presented.

As our community has only got one post office, we go there to drop off outgoing mail, purchase postage or mail parcels, and pick up mail from our mail boxes. This makes our post office a viable and necessary business in a small rural community. Residents of Black Diamond do not have door-to-door service for mail delivery, so our post office is a busy place. In fact, our local facility recently expanded due to a shortage of space and post office boxes.

In view of these circumstances, at the July 16, 2008 meeting, Council unanimously passed the following motion:

“...moved by Mayor Rolly Magee that Council agree that:

- ◆ 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

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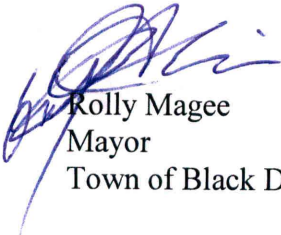
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- ◆ Whereas the government is not holding public hearings as part of its strategic review or adequately consulting with the real owners of the post office – the public...”

Please therefore be advised that the Town of Black Diamond opposes deregulation of Canada Post and insists that the government hold public hearings and properly consult with the true owners of Canada Post – the public.

Thank you in advance for your anticipated cooperation.

Yours truly,



Rolly Magee
Mayor
Town of Black Diamond

/vs

cc Canadian Union of Postal Workers
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