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To Whom it May Concern,

The Town of Dalhousie is gravely concerned with the strategic review currently being conducted on the Canada Post Corporation, both in the manner it is being held – lack of public consultation – and in the implications of the review.

According to the Strategic Review Advisory Panel website, the mandate of the review is to “make recommendations to the Minister focusing on market and competition; public policy objectives and responsibilities; commercial activities and; financial and performance targets”.

While no one disputes the importance of ensuring that Crown Corporations are operating efficiently and are accountable to their true owners, the public, Canadians also need the assurance that we will continue to have universal access to the services that Crown Corporations provide. From the mandate noted above, it seems that rather than doing a study to examine options to provide a better postal service, the decision to deregulate the Canada Post Corporation has already been made regardless of the implications.

The Canadian Union of Postal Workers has informed our municipality that 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. As a resource-dependent town in a rural area, who has just lost our major industry, we can not and will not accept higher service rates and more job losses due to deregulation.

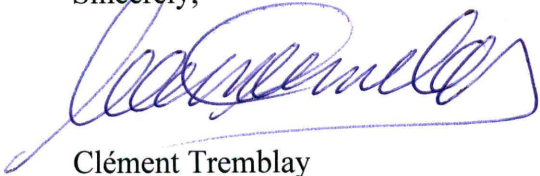
While private companies wishing to provide postal services may try to convince the government that they can provide a better service to Canadians, it is with certainty that rural areas such as Dalhousie will suffer. I can use both Federal Express and UPS parcel service as examples, as the nearest outlet for FedEx is almost 100km away, and the UPS website could only say that there is

no location within 30km of Dalhousie and to call the 1-800 number. That is not good service. Fortunately for towns such as Dalhousie, Canada Post is here and the local employees do their best to meet our postal service needs in an increasingly difficult financial environment.

The Town of Dalhousie is very concerned that the introduction of market and competition to postal services will erode the ability of Canada Post Corporation to provide affordable service to everyone, no matter where they live, by the erosion or elimination of the mechanism that funds universal postal service – the exclusive privilege.

As you conduct your review, please be advised that the Town of Dalhousie opposes deregulation of Canada Post, and we insist that you properly consult with the true owners of Canada Post – the public.

Sincerely,



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Mayor

cc. Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada
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