

State of the Postal Service in Canada

To those who are working on evaluating the Postal Service of Canada:

There is concern that the government is contemplating privatization of the Canadian postal service.

I note with assurance that your web site states that:

Canada Post will NOT be privatized and will remain a Crown corporation;

Canada Post must maintain a universal, effective and economically viable postal service;

Canada Post will continue to act as an instrument of public policy through the provision of postal services to Canadians; and

Canada Post will continue to operate in a commercial environment and is expected to attain a realistic rate of return on equity

There are many things that the federal government should not be involved in. But education, health care, care of the poor, and all things that affect the communication of Canadians, like the CBC, the roads system and the Postal Service are among things that the federal government should keep in its control. Postal delivery is an activity which should be run by the government so that ALL Canadians receive uniform service, regardless of where they live. This is critical for those of us living in rural areas.

Therefore, I believe that your time would be best spent in determining how the existing system can be run more efficiently and be made more cost efficient. Rising fuel costs are affecting us all and the cost of mailing a package is already so high that many of us are trying to find options to posting gifts. I hope the solutions you propose will be of benefit to everyone.

Sincerely,

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