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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
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We have received information regarding the proposed quick and potentially damaging review of Canada's **public** post office.

Before any "strategic" changes are considered to a service vital to rural Canada, such as those provided by Canada Post, rural Canada must have a say! You have not allowed the **public** an opportunity to relate their concerns or to bring forward real information on the impact the changes would cause. Our **public** post office is an essential, affordable service that must be maintained for people outside city limits.

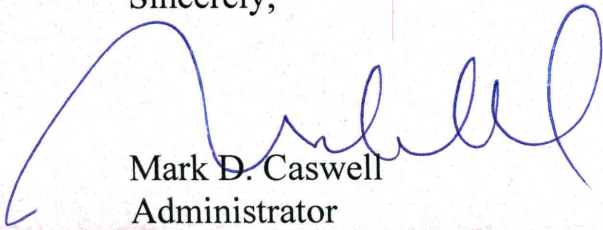
It is a very well known fact that when a service is open to competition, the drive behind that competition is profit. And, in order for increased profit there will be increased prices. Those prices will be increased the most in areas further away from central delivery points, that would be rural Canada! As well, deregulation foregoes post office closures, diminished service and fewer jobs.

Our **public** Post Office is where mail is sorted, distributed and picked up, postage and packaging purchased, parcels weighed, priority registrations and much more. The very existence of these services will be jeopardized much less improved if Canada Post is not allowed to maintain the exclusive privilege to handle letters and provide affordable, universal service to the **public!**

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The Council of the Town of Maple Creek has passed a resolution opposing deregulation of Canada Post and insists that the government hold public hearings and properly consult with the **public**, including the **rural public**, the true owners of Canada Post!

Sincerely,



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

CANADA POST CORPORATION STRATEGIC REVIEW

08-MC-164 Pickett,

Rudd – 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)

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.

WHEREAS postal deregulation in other countries has led to post office closures, less service, fewer jobs and higher postal rates for public and small businesses.

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.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT The Town of Maple Creek send a letter or submission to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review opposing deregulation of Canada Post and insisting that the government hold public hearings and properly consult with the true owners of Canada Post – the public.

Carried.