

TOWN OF MINITONAS

August 19, 2008

Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
330 Sparks Street (HCCR)
Ottawa, On.
K1A 0N5

RE: Deregulation of our Public Postal Service

Dear Sir / Madame;

Enclosed please find a copy of the resolution of the Minitonas Town Council passed at their meeting on August 6, 2008. It has been brought to the Council's attention that the Canada Post Corporation has been reviewing the deregulation of the public postal services since April 28, 2008. Since the corporation is a 'Crown Owned' Corporation, and therefore owned by Canadian Taxpayers, it only seems right to conduct surveys across Canada to allow all persons and local governments the opportunity to express their concerns and ask questions about the deregulation plans and what effect this may have on those persons who utilize the postal services.

There is some indication that deregulation of postal services in other countries has resulted in post office closures, fewer job opportunities, higher postage rates and a decrease in service. None of these are things we would like to see happen in Canada.

Although there is a website that offers information & an opportunity to make inquiries and offer opinions, not all Canadians have access to the internet, nor would they see this website if they were not specifically looking for it. The Minitonas Town Council feels that all taxpayers should be made more aware of this 'Strategic Review' and provided with an opportunity to have a say in the future of our postal services.

At this time we would ask that the Canada Post Corporation consider offering public hearings in as many locations across Canada as would be feasible (including smaller and more remote areas) in order to provide the public with information on the deregulation of the postal services, the impact that could have on the service and their local communities, as well as an opportunity to express their concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to allow the Council of the Town of Minitonas to make their objections known.

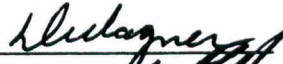
Sincerely;

Carolyn M. Gordon, CMMA
CAO, Town & RM of Minitonas
cc. CUPW – Ottawa, CUPW – Prairie Region

**TOWN OF MINITONAS
RESOLUTION FORM**

Date: August 6, 2008

Resolution No. 9

Moved by Councillor: 


Seconded by Councillor: 

WHEREAS the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review, which was launched by the Federal Government on April 28, 2008, is looking at the deregulation of our public postal services;

AND WHEREAS postal deregulation in other countries has resulted in post office closures, less service, fewer jobs and higher postage rates for the public and small businesses;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government is not currently holding public hearings as part of their review of the 'Crown Corporation' which is financed by the taxes collected from Canadian ratepayers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Town of Minitonas shall submit a letter to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review voicing their opposition to the deregulation of Canada Post and insisting that public hearings be held to allow the public an opportunity to express their opinion on the deregulation of postal services.

Carried: 

Mayor: 