



## *Village of Paradise Hill*

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review  
330 Sparks Street (HCCR)  
Ottawa, Ont.  
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Dear Sir:

I have reviewed the Terms of Reference provided for the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review. The terms state that the strategic review will be guided by the following four principles:


- 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 is to continue to act as an instrument of public policy through the provision of postal services to Canadians.
- Canada Post is to continue to operate in a commercial environment and is expected to attain a reasonable rate of return on equity.

We are pleased to note that a universal, economically viable service is included as a guiding principle. However, I see that the scope of the review includes an examination of the exclusive privilege that Canada Post has on delivery.

The loss of the exclusive privilege for mail delivery can only result in increased costs for universal postal service as competitors tap into the more populated, cost-effective markets, while ignoring the rural areas that are more costly to serve. If a universal service is to be maintained, this has to be detrimental for Canada Post in terms of profitability, and the end result will undoubtedly lead to loss of jobs and post office closures. As a small rural municipality, our livelihood depends very much on the ability to retain as many services locally as we can. The loss of a post office in our community would be a huge blow in terms of sustainability.

We applaud any efforts made to maximize efficiencies of service delivery and minimize associated costs, particularly given the challenges that current trends towards electronic mail delivery have created. This cannot, however, be accomplished at the expense of rural communities. We respectfully request that the review recognize the value of maintaining Canada Post's monopoly on mail delivery in order to protect the more rural and remote areas of this country.

Yours truly,

  
Marion Hougham  
Administrator

cc: file