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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
330 Sparks Street (HCCR)
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Dear Sirs:

Re: Request to save universal, public postal service

At the Regular Council meeting held 9 July, 2008 Council received communications from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, dated June, 2008 regarding their urgent request for submissions to save universal, public postal service. Please be advised that the Council for the Village of Port Alice passed the following resolution:

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 the 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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the Village of Port Alice 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.



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The Port Alice post office is a very important and well used service in our community. Port Alice has become home to people of many nationalities who rely on the postal service to stay in touch with their families from around the world. Even though today, a tremendous amount of communication is sent electronically, there are still many people who do not have the means to send electronic mail, and there are times when this method simply does not suffice.

We have a lot of retired people that make a point of going to the post office as a part of their daily ritual. I am sure that this is true in all communities, and it is likely that the majority of these citizens prefer to send and receive mail in the manner they are accustomed to.

Port Alice Council is very much in favour of maintaining the Canadian Postal Service, in its current form, and also feels that Canadian citizens, at the very least, deserve the right to make their preferences known, **through public consultation**, about this important issue. We urge you to reconsider your plans to deregulate the Canadian Postal Service.

Yours truly,

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Mayor

LP/gj

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