



September 7, 2016

Roy Avis, Mayor  
Town of Fort Frances  
320 Portage Ave  
Fort Frances, ON P9A 3P9

Dear Roy Avis,

**Re: Another Opportunity to Have Your Say in Canada Post Review**

I am following up on our June 6<sup>th</sup> correspondence about the Canada Post Review to provide you with additional information on phase 2 of the review.

This fall, a parliamentary committee will be consulting with Canadians on postal service and the options identified by a task force in phase 1. The committee will make recommendations to the government by year's end. The government expects to announce its decisions about Canada Post in the spring of 2017.

You may be interested to know that the options identified by the task force include major changes to the moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns. The task force suggests "updating" or "refreshing" the moratorium. It outlines the cost savings that could be achieved by converting to franchises or closing all corporate outlets, or only the 800 highest yielding offices. You can see the full task force discussion paper at <http://www.tpsgc-pwgsc.gc.ca/examendepostescanada-canadapostreview/rapport-report/consult-eng.html>

CUPW would like to ensure that the views of municipalities are considered during each stage of the Canada Post Review. Therefore, we are urging you to fill out the parliamentary committee's online survey from September 26 to October 21 at [parl.gc.ca/OGGO-e](http://parl.gc.ca/OGGO-e) and encourage residents to do likewise. During this time, paper surveys will be available upon request. The committee will also hold public consultations across the country.

The union has attached information on how to provide input in phase 2, as well as a new resolution for your consideration. You can learn more about the review by going to [CUPW.ca/canadapostreview](http://CUPW.ca/canadapostreview) and [Canada.ca/canadapostreview](http://Canada.ca/canadapostreview)

Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and anything you can do to help us convince the parliamentary committee to recommend against further cuts at Canada Post in favour of building a 21<sup>st</sup> century post office that expands services, generates revenues and meets the needs of Canadians.

In solidarity,



Mike Palecek  
National President

c.c. National Executive Committee, Regional Executive Committees, National Union Representatives,  
Regional Union Representatives, Specialists, Campaign Coordinators, Negotiators

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### Have your say!

1) Fill out the parliamentary committee's on line survey from September 26 to October 21 at: [parl.gc.ca/OGGO-e](http://parl.gc.ca/OGGO-e). During this time, you can also request a paper version of the survey by phoning 613-995-9469 or writing to Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates, Sixth Floor, 131 Queen Street, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6 Canada.

2) Attend one of the public consultations being held across the country. For more information, go to:

<http://www.parl.gc.ca/HousePublications/Publication.aspx?Language=e&Mode=1&Parl=0&Session=0&DocId=8391013> (Note: Information on western and northern locations to come)

You can get information on the process and key issues in the weeks to come at [CUPW.ca/canadapostreview](http://CUPW.ca/canadapostreview).

### What to say

Let the committee know what your key issues are:

- Getting your home mail delivery back?
- Keeping your public post office?
- Greening the post office?
- Creating services that support seniors and people with disabilities?
- Bringing back our postal bank for more inclusive, accessible financial services for everyone?

List of locations to be visited by the parliamentary committee:

Corner Brook and St. John's, Newfoundland  
Sydney and Halifax, Nova Scotia  
Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island  
Bathurst, New Brunswick  
Levis, Quebec City, Blainville and Montreal, Quebec  
Toronto, Kitchener, Windsor, Dryden, and Sandy Lake First Nation, Ontario  
(Following locations to be confirmed)  
Surrey, British Columbia  
Edmonton and Calgary, Alberta  
Yellowknife, Northwest Territories  
Regina and Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan  
Winnipeg, Manitoba

Please share your input with us at [Feedback@cupw-sttp.org](mailto:Feedback@cupw-sttp.org) or mail to Mike Palecek, President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers, 377 Bank Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K2P 1Y3

### **Public review on future of Canada Post**

**Whereas** Canada Post announced drastic cutbacks to our public postal service in December 2013, including plans to end home mail delivery in our country.

**Whereas** there was a huge public outcry in response to the cutbacks and stiff opposition from most federal parties, including the Liberal Party, which promised to halt the delivery cuts and conduct a review of Canada Post, if elected.

**Whereas** the delivery cuts were halted and our Liberal government is currently conducting a Canada Post Review, which started earlier this year with an independent task force to identify options for the future of postal service in this country.

**Whereas** a parliamentary committee will hold e-consultations and meetings in various locations across the country on postal service and the options that have been identified by the task force and then make recommendations to the government on the future of Canada Post.

**Whereas** it will be crucial for the parliamentary committee to hear our views on key issues, including the importance of maintaining the moratorium on post office closures, improving the Canadian Postal Service Charter, adding postal banking, greening Canada Post, keeping decent post office jobs in our communities, preserving daily delivery, restoring home mail delivery, developing services that help older Canadians remain in their homes and providing services that assist people with disabilities,

**Therefore be it resolved** that (name of municipality) 1) Fill out the parliamentary committee's on line survey about Canada Post from September 26 to October 21 at [parl.gc.ca/OGGO-e](http://parl.gc.ca/OGGO-e) and encourage residents to do likewise 2) Attend the public consultations being held across the country