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

Dear Committee Members:

Re: Canada Post Corporation's Strategic Review

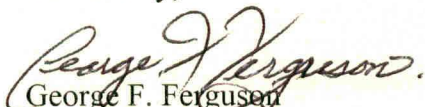
Thank you for your letter dated June 2008, regarding Canada Post's review of postal services. The City of Abbotsford has received information that Canada Post Corporation is conducting a review of postal services and is considering deregulation of Canadian universal mail service allowing for private sector competition.

The City believes that any review and the results of any such review must include public hearings. Decisions on deregulation or other changes that impact the public should not be made until the public has been properly consulted.

Residents of the City believe and rely on good postal service. While it may be attractive to reduce costs by allowing private sector competition in the delivery of mail, it is important that service levels and the mere ability to send and receive mail are important considerations. In many cases, the mail service is the only communication linkage for many residents. Deregulation requires considerable input and thought.

The City thanks you for considering extended public consultation and input in this very important matter. If you require additional information, please contact Frank Pizutto, City Manager at fpizzuto@abbotsford.ca or 604-864-5501. Feel free, however, to contact me at any time if you are not satisfied or need further assistance.

Yours truly,


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