

SUBMISSION TO THE
CANADA POST CORPORATION STRATEGIC REVIEW PANEL

I present these views on behalf of the Fredericton/Oromocto local of CUPW. Our local represents over 150 Postal Workers. We include inside postal clerks, retail clerks, letter carriers, rural and suburban mail couriers as well as delivery personnel within a private contractor for Canada Post. All of these workers take pride in their part of providing a valuable public service. These jobs not only give livelihood to the worker but allow the local economy to benefit from the workers buying power. We encourage the panel to consider these issues of public service and quality jobs when reviewing the mandate for Canada Post.

Canada Post has long been an identifying element of Canadian society, providing mail delivery at a standard, affordable price to all Canadians. Considering the size of our nation and the diversity of populations from city to rural this is no small feat. Postal workers across the country continually maintain this service to all Canadians. As a carrier becomes part of the community they deliver to; a retail clerk remembers customer's names or clerks ensure the safe transportation of a letter to its next destination; we are

proud workers. For many rural Canadians daily mail delivery is an important way to connect in a tactile fashion to loved ones far away. To the small rural towns and villages our local includes; the post office is a focal part of the community. To summarize this point Canada Post works, we are proud of what we do. To alter our ability to deliver the mail as we have successfully would be a disservice to all Canadians.

Postal jobs in the Fredericton area are an important part of our local economy. In an area with typically low wages and high unemployment these jobs allow workers the opportunity raise families without having to leave the area. Any plan that ultimately threatens these jobs not only affects the individual worker and their families but threatens the entire community by removing all the goods and services they purchase.

Thank you for considering the views of our local. We challenge you to make presentations to the government which reflect the concerns and wishes of ordinary workers and most important our customers; the Canadian public.