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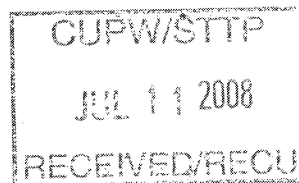
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RE: 2008-387

July 4, 2008

Canada Post
ATTN: Customer Service
555 McArthur Street, Suite 1477
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Dear Canada Post:

Please be advised that Council of the Municipality of the District of Chester received the enclosed letter dated June 2008 from the Canadian Union of Postal Workers regarding the request for submissions to save universal, public postal service. At that time, the following motion was made:

2008-387 - MOVED by Deputy Warden Shatford, SECONDED by Councillor Smith that Council support the request to have public consultation regarding postal service as requested by the Canadian Union of Postal Workers. CARRIED.

Please consider this Council's letter of support for the Canadian Union of Postal Workers request to hold public consultation related to the strategic review.

Sincerely,

Pamela M. Myra
Municipal Clerk

cc Denis Lemelin, National President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers



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Dear Mayor or Chief Administrative Officer:

Re: Urgent request for submissions to save universal, public postal service

I am writing to let you know that the federal government is conducting a very quick and potentially damaging review of our public post office called the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review.

The review is looking at fundamental questions such as should our public post office continue to have an exclusive privilege to handle letters so that it has the money to provide universal service, or should the letter market be open to competition. That is, it is looking at deregulation.

CUPW is very concerned that the government's review includes an examination of deregulation. You may be interested to know that 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.

The union is also concerned that the government is not holding public hearings as part of its review. It is simply asking individuals and groups to make submissions by September 2, 2008.

The fact that the government is not holding public hearings and is proceeding at a breakneck pace with its review suggests that it is not really interested in hearing from the real owners of the post office – the public. We want to make sure that the views of the public and public interest groups are considered. Therefore, we would like municipalities to consider passing the enclosed resolution and writing a letter or submission to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review. You can get basic information about making a submission from the enclosed fact sheet called *Submissions to save universal, public postal service* and additional information from the other enclosures.

If you decide to write a letter or submission, please do not forget to tell the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review how you use our public post office. If private sector mail providers do not service your community, make sure you tell the review this as well. You may also wish to point out that it will be difficult for Canada Post to improve public postal service if the government erodes or eliminates the mechanism that funds this service (i.e. the exclusive privilege). Please don't forget to send us a copy of any letter or submission you write.

