



August 28, 2008

To Whom It May Concern;

**RE: Strategic Review of Canada Post's Future**

This letter is in regard to a strategic review of Canada Post's future in this country.

We are deeply concerned about Canada Post being under the scrutiny of deregulation. Privatization has only proven to be a burden on the people because of the loss of service and possible higher costs.

The following are some points that we feel will validate our reasoning to keep our rural post office.

Yours truly,

Jim Palmer  
Mayor

## REGARDING POSTAL DEREGULATION:

\* Rural communities have seen a lot of the public sector services moved to larger centers and as such are finding that service needs are left unmet. To lose their Post Offices would be one more event that isolates our rural communities and leaves them feeling that rural communities do not matter. This also makes our community less attractive to people looking to move from the big city.

\* We would lose a Public Sector Service that is an integral part of our Rural Community.

\*As a business operating in a Rural Community, we rely on good Postal Service in order to conduct our day by day business properly. The possible loss of this service is unacceptable.

\*The Public Service Sector is sadly lacking not only in our community but in all smaller rural communities. Already Public Utilities have gone private – to the detriment of the Public (less service more cost.)

\*We have Senior Citizens who are still living in their own homes and they rely on good Postal Service as a means of communication. Not all seniors or other residents are plugged into technology such as computers. They still like their mail to come to their mailing address. It gives them a sense of being independent and in control and also offers them a point of interaction with other people. The Post Office continues to be the meeting place in the Village.

\*The postal service that we have in our community is exemplary; our post master has put a very high standard on the service that she delivers to our business and our community.

\*Our post master not only works here but lives and contributes hugely to our community on a personal level as well as a business professional. The contribution to the community that Canada Post provides just by being here cannot be replaced.

\*Canada Post prides itself on being a personal service oriented company. We would like to see it continue this way.