

Dr. Campbell, Mrs. Beaudoin, and Mr. Bader:

RE: Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review

I'm writing to voice my concerns with any change to the exclusive privilege granted to Canada Post to deliver our mail. The intent of this privilege is to secure affordable, universal service to all Canadians no matter if they live in Toronto Ont. or Gambo NL.

I believe if the legislation tabled in October 2007 to amend the Canada Post Corporation Act is passed, it will be the end of the Canada Post. The doors will be opened to sell off more portions of the Corporation (but only the profitable ones). The act will be amended time and time again, until there is nothing left. Why would the government take into consideration such an amendment if the current process works, at no cost to the public?

I believe there is immense pressure on the government from the corporate world as a result of the decision on August 12, 2004 - by Justice James D. Carnwath of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice granted Canada Post's motion seeking a determination of a question of law. He found that a proper interpretation of s.14 of the Canada Post Corporation Act, in the English and French versions, is that any one or more of the activities of collecting, transmitting and delivering letters is the exclusive privilege of Canada Post in Canada, including letters addressed to foreign destinations. This is the law and government should not collapse to the pressure of large greedy companies to change it, the companies' who are seeking to have this change don't have a mandate to serve Canadians-just their shareholders.

If this bill is passed, or any other form of deregulation the Corporation will lose money, and there will be job losses at Canada Post. It's not rocket science, when there is less work to do, there is less profits, and there are less workers.

Furthermore, I believe that there isn't another company that can serve all Canadians in this vast country the way the Canada Post does. Canada Post has the infrastructure that reaches every Canadian citizen daily. Canada Post is mandated daily to collect and deliver mail to every address in this country, no matter where they live. No other company has the resources, or the network to do the same. No other company can do what Canada Post does daily without a dramatic reduction in service and an increase in cost. Most large courier companies today use the network that Canada post has developed to deliver their product to rural areas, because they don't have their own.

Are we going to sell off portions of Canada Post, and then continue to deliver their product to the rural areas so that these companies can have bigger profits? I hope not.

Today Canadians have one of the lowest Postal rates in the world. These low rates prevent other companies from extorting the public in paying higher prices for the same service - a benefit to all Canadians. Canada Post is mandated to make a reasonable return.

Good day,

It is sad to think that in Yellowknife, life is about to get a little more complicated, pricey and frustrating.

Canada Post is a life line to the north, the relocation of a historic town post office is like a slap in the face. It not only makes Yellowknifer's feel abandoned and isolated but puts a major kink in the effective communication process that is essential to survival here in the north. By relocating the post office to another building removes the heritage and integrity that Canada Post represents and replaces it with a new facade of a joke of a business, not the fortitude of a corporation that represents Canada as a whole. How can a building be considered surplus when it is so essential? Yellowknife is booming and there are not enough mail boxes! Canada post is considered a joke up here, now that you want to relocate the building to a drug store or some other location other than the central one it is at now, would only increase the ridicule, the lack of faith and the slanderous remarks, the diversion to other courier companies and essentially the lack of support for such a strong company that represents Canada. By cutting corners in Yellowknife you hope to divert the money else where? Do not forget we are Canada, do not forget, the time is now, the north is finally opening for business and the pull out of your corporation will put a black mark against your name, not so easily missed in a small town, where all news is big news. If the Canada Post corporation decides to relocate to some mom and pop location whereby rendering the service ineffective and cost ineffective, I for one will help lead to revolt, to protest the service I grew up on sending letters to the top of the world to get to Santa. It can be done and you will be shut out of the north that is to be. Take heed.

Sarahrose Darch  
NT