

## Strategic Review of Canada Post... very tactical indeed!

I think it is appalling that the strategic review of Canada Post is being done without formal public hearings. It is a sad day for democracy when foundational public institutions like our post office face corporate driven changes that will alter their very nature with nothing but the “opportunity to write a letter” in rebuttal. But, so be it! Canada Post says these changes, which are likely only the first steps in the shift towards full deregulation/privatization, are necessary to form the “modern post”. But, their vision of a modern post office is simply one that caters to big business (the only “customers” that really seem to matter to them) and maximizes profits. Why else would they want to deregulate? I highly doubt that the generations of Canadians who have helped build our public postal infrastructure would approve of it being used to cater to big business and maximize profits. I think they would want it to maintain its public service mandate in spite of the “archaic” label the corporation has given it. What Canada Post Corporation calls “archaic” is actually a protection mechanism that was put in place to maintain universal service for the same price, so that people who live in remote areas are not penalized. That’s a good thing for those who live outside of major urban centers. And, if you think the proposed mandate change will allow the price of postage to drop in major urban centers I invite you to do some research into the deregulation and privatization of other postal services around the globe. Or, I can save you some time - costs rise, service suffers, people lose their jobs and (for those who still have jobs) work loads increase. So, the question remains, who will benefit from this corporate “modern post” approach? Certainly not the public or the postal workers!

Regards,

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