

To: The Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review

The Golden Local #742 welcomes this opportunity to make a submission to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review (CPCSR).

The Golden Local #742 is a part of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers. We have 16 members in our office that are very concerned about the future of universal, public postal service in this country. As workers and users of the mail, we are concerned by the changes being considered by the CPCSR, such as deregulation of our public post office. As a small rural community in Golden B.C we rely on the the mail to communicate with the rest of Canada and the world. To our Local, we rely on our jobs to support our families and our way of life.

Overall, full-scale deregulation has not worked well. We are very concerned that deregulation would negatively affect our members as deregulation in other countries has largely led to fewer jobs, less service, and higher postal rates for the public and small businesses. People who use deregulated post offices in other countries tend to pay a higher postage rate than we do. The standard postage rate in Sweden has increased by 90% since it's post office was deregulated in 1993 while the Canadian rate has increased by only 21% during the same period (1993 to 2005).

An independent review of the United Kingdom's deregulated postal sector found that "there have been no significant benefits from liberalization for small businesses and domestic customers." So, if there have been no real benefits of deregulation, why are we not just improving the system that we already have in place?

Members of the Golden Local #742 are also members of the public with a real stake in our post office. We are concerned, from this perspective, that the government is not holding public hearings as part of it's review of Canada Post. Any review of our public post office should include public hearings. The government should also extend the deadline for submissions.

Thank-you for considering our submission.



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To: The Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review

The Council of Canadians (CoC), Golden Chapter, welcomes this opportunity to make a submission to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review (CPCSR).

The CoC Golden Chapter is an independent, non-profit, public interest organization that works locally, nationally, and internationally. The Council strives to renew our democracy, promote social justice and assert Canadian sovereignty. We are very concerned about the future of universal, public postal service in this country. As users of the mail, we are concerned by the changes being considered by the CPCSR, such as deregulation of our public post office. As a small rural community in Golden B.C., we rely on the the mail to communicate with the rest of Canada and the world.

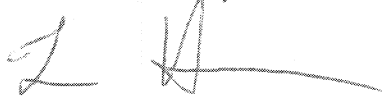
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Members of the CoC Golden Chapter are also members of the public with a real stake in our post office. We are believe our democracy is being undermined because the government is not holding public hearings as part of it's review of Canada Post. Any review of our public post office should include public hearings. The government should also extend the deadline for submissions.

Thank-you for considering our submission.

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