

# *Rural Municipality of Laurier No. 38*

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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review  
330 Sparks Street (HCCR)  
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To Whom It May Concern:

The Rural Municipality of Laurier No. 38 is deeply concerned about the strategic review being conducted on the Canada Post Corporation. In rural Saskatchewan, the post office is a vital communication and service link for not only our office but the entire community. Our Rural Municipality is located in a fairly low populated area of the province of Saskatchewan; however it has a large agriculture base and is currently experiencing growth in the oil industry. Canada Post in its current form provides this area with an essential and economical means of receiving publications, supplies, and correspondence. It is the hub of our community and an essential part of our community's survival. Deregulation of Canada Post would, in the Rural Municipality's opinion, only result in higher costs and loss of services to this area. It is our firm belief that the Canadian Postal system should remain in tact and as is so that no Canadian, no matter where they live, receives a reduction in the quality of postal service currently experienced.

Presently our Rural Municipal office receives at least 15 pieces of mail daily, including approximately 10 parcel post deliveries per month. Annually we mail out approximately 800 tax notices and receipts, 150 hail insurance forms, and 200 property assessment notices. We also use the postal system to send in about 50 government reports a year as well as doing quarterly billings for our hamlet's water and sewer. Seventy-five percent of our payments for taxes and invoices are also received through Canada Post, making the Canadian Postal system as it exists now a key and integral part of our municipality's administration.

To support our position, the Rural Municipality of Laurier No. 38 has passed the following resolution at our regular meeting of council held on July 8, 2008:

**184-2008 A. Krausher:** **WHEREAS** the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review, which was launched by the federal government on April 21, 2008, is looking at deregulating our public post office (i.e. reducing or removing Canada Post's Exclusive privilege on letters); and

**WHEREAS** it will become increasingly difficult for our public post office to provide affordable service to everyone, no matter, where they live, if the government erodes or eliminates the very mechanism that funds universal post service – the exclusive privilege; and

**WHEREAS** 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; and


**WHEREAS** the government is not holding public hearings as part of its strategic review or adequately consulting the real owners of the post office – the public; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Rural Municipality of Laurier No. 38 send a letter to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review opposing deregulation of Canada Post and insisting that the government hold public hearings and properly consult with the true owners of Canada post – the public.

**Carried.**

The R.M. of Laurier No. 38 can see no positive benefit in deregulating Canadian Post and strongly support the position that Canada Post remain as is and continue serving all areas with the high standard of services we have always experienced.

Sincerely,

  
Shannon Herman  
*Administrator for the Council of the  
Rural Municipality of Laurier No. 38*