

Canadian Union Of Postal Workers - Fundy local 105 welcomes this opportunity to make a submission to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review (CPCSR).

We are writing because we are very concerned about the future of universal, public postal service in this country.

As workers, we are concerned by the kind of changes being considered by the CPCSR, such as deregulation of our public post office. Our local has 286 members who rely on CPC to help provide for their families, which in turn provides for the local economy and they enjoy the work they do to process/deliver mail and provide superior service to Canada Post customers.

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

Our post office is not broken! It does not need to be fixed, only improved.

CUPW - Fundy local 105 would like to see the PUBLIC post office remain PUBLIC, no deregulation and return the profits of Canada Post to the public via better service, reduction in postal rates and more door to door delivery.

Members of the CUPW - Fundy local 105 are also members of the public with a real stake in our public post office. We are concerned, from this perspective, that the government is not holding public hearings as part of its review of Canada Post. Any review of our public post office should include public hearings. The government should not make any decisions about our public post office until it has properly consulted with the public.

Thank you for considering our submission.

On Behalf of
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