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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
330 Sparks Street (HCCR)
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Dear Sirs:

Re: Universal Public Postal Service

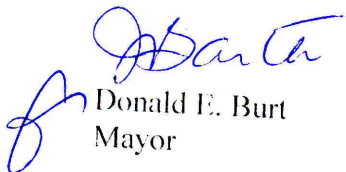
The Town of Old Perlican wishes to comment on the federal government's review of postal services, and the possibility that Canada Post could lose its exclusive privilege to handle addressed letters, leading therefore to deregulation in the country's postal service.

While the Town does not presume to fully understand all the issues or consequences of any deregulation in postal services, it feels the Canadian Union of Postal Workers has a very good point in their opposition to such a move.

We are only a small community of less than 700 people, yet our Post Office is very important to our residents and businesses. Rural Newfoundland and Labrador is very sparsely populated, and should we lose our Post Office, as might be a consequence of deregulation, residents might have to travel a significant distance to avail of postal services in a larger centre. The next largest community to ours is nearly 50 kilometers away, a travel distance of nearly one hour. Many people would be unable to undertake this journey on daily basis.

Council hopes the review panel will seriously consider the implications de-regulating postal services will have on rural communities in Canada. We thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,
TOWN OF OLD PERLICAN


Donald E. Burt
Mayor