

The Maritime Branch of Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association would like to express their concerns in the following submission, on the Canada Post Strategic Review which is currently being conducted by the Conservative Government.

CPAA Maritime Branch consists of 694 Semi-staff, Group Postmasters, Full and Part time Assistants, and 272 term assistants for a total of 966 members. We are the link in providing access to universal services for rural Canadians in the provinces of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

Canada currently has one of the lowest standard postage rates in the industrial world, and our Postal Services are universal and affordable. Canada Post currently has an exclusive privilege to handle letters, and it is this privilege that has provided every rural Canadian from coast to coast with an efficient and viable delivery system.

Canada Post Corporation has recorded once again a profit for the 13th consecutive year! This fact shows you how respected and important the current existing network is to all Canadians – we have a right to uniform, secure postal services.

If the decision of the Government will be to eliminate this exclusive privilege, then the private sector competitors will be focusing on urban and profitable areas. It is apparent that this private delivery network will not be in a position to serve all rural Canadian households and businesses at an affordable price.

It is not only logical to retain, utilize and enhance the existing network, but it is also cost effective. The network is here- let's use it! CPAA members know and understand our customers and have worked hard to earn their trust and respect on a daily basis!

In conclusion, we ask that you keep the Canadian flag present in all rural post offices to reflect the pride, the passion, and the sense of ownership that Canadians feel towards their post offices!

We ask that the Government will continue to support Canada Post Corporation's mandate to provide all Canadians with postal service.

CPAA Maritime Branch members are asking that Canada Post be allowed to maintain their exclusive privilege, and that the universality of services be sustained.

"KEEP THE ♥ BEATING IN RURAL CANADA".

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