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Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review
330 Sparks Street (HCCR)
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Dear Sir/Madam:

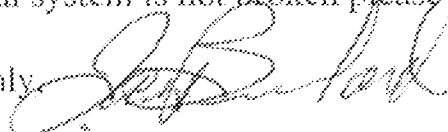
The Village of Smeaton uses the local post office a great deal; no private sector mail providers are available and probably wouldn't consider us big enough to bother with. It will be difficult to improve public postal service if the government erodes or eliminates the mechanism that funds this service for example the exclusive privilege. There is no good reason to change how Canada Post operates as we have very reasonable postage costs. Our postal costs are affordable and universal which is unbelievable considering the size of our country.

Canada Post was originally set up to provide fair, reasonable and sufficient postage rates to defray the costs incurred by the Corporation in the conduct of its operations under the Canada Post Corporation Act. All the money from postage was for service no profit was intended. It seems that is no longer the case and Canada Post is bent on making profits.

Public reviews are extremely important. Government should not make any decisions about our public post office until it has consulted with the public.

Our postal system is not broken please don't fix it.

Yours truly



Joe Bernhard
Mayor
Village of Smeaton

1-136 Onyskevitch moved 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

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 postal service -- the exclusive privilege,

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,

Whereas the government is not holding public hearings as part of its strategic review or adequately consulting with the real owners of the post office -- the public,

Be it resolved that Smeaton send a letter or submission 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. Cd