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Postal Workers' Caravan: Going Coast to Coast to Save Canada Post

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ST JOHN'S, NFLD – In a giant white RV with “Stop the Cuts – Save Canada Post” splashed across it in bright red, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers is taking to the road on a cross-country tour, encouraging people to fight back against cuts to postal service by voting out the Conservatives.

“Our message to Stephen Harper and his Conservatives: you cannot run, you cannot hide from these cuts,” said Mike Palecek, National President of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW), speaking at the caravan’s official launching point in Cape Spear, Newfoundland, Canada’s easternmost point.

The tour, crewed by rotating groups of postal workers, will eventually make its way to the West Coast, stopping in workplaces and communities, and holding public meetings along the way.

“People think it’s ridiculous we’re cutting a profitable, trusted public service,” said Palecek. “We need to ‘Stop Harper, Get Informed and Go Vote’,” a message which is prominently displayed on the rear of the vehicle.

Palecek says the response to the Save Canada Post campaign so far has been very positive and the bus will only increase the campaign’s visibility. Motorists honk and heads turn as the RV rolls down the road.

“Everywhere we go, we know that Canadians want to keep their home delivery, they want to keep their money-making post office, and they know it’s the Conservatives that are taking it away.”

The public stops for this week follow. Updates can be found at www.savecanadapost.ca

Wednesday July 15th

11 am, Cape Spear

5 pm public meeting, 98 Kenmount Road

Friday July 17th

11 am - 2 pm Dartmouth Sportsplex

4 pm rally at the New Glasgow post office, 280 Stellarton Road

Saturday July 18th

7 am Moncton-Dieppe farmers market
2:30 pm Summerside Spinnakers Landing
5 pm Charlottetown Joe Ghiz Memorial Park

Sunday July 19th

1 pm Bathhurst Union Hall, 975 King Avenue

Monday July 20th

10 am press conference Quebec City
12 pm – noon rally with PSAC – details to follow

Tuesday July 21st

Table at old port of Chicoutimi – details to follow

Wednesday July 22nd

12 pm – 6 pm souper dans les rues Roberval – details to follow

Thursday July 23rd

Montreal – details to follow

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For a more detailed tour itinerary, media interviews or further information, please contact Aalya Ahmad, CUPW Communications – aahmad@cupw-sttp.org or 613-327-1177. Save Canada Post from Coast to Coast tour: 613-293-0308 #postbus