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Transport Canada
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ATTENTION: Honourable Lisa Raitt
Minister

Dear Minister Raitt:

The Government of Canada has endorsed a plan submitted by Canada Post Corporation to change public postal service as we know it. The corporation has dramatically hiked postal rates and is planning to eliminate door - to - door delivery, close and downsize post offices, reduce post office hours and destroy thousands of decent jobs in communities throughout our country. These major changes will be bad for seniors, people with mobility issues, charities, small businesses and many other people who rely on public postal service.

The Town Council of Channel - Port aux Basques wants the Federal Government to reverse the Canada Post plan and to look instead for ways to increase services and revenues. The government should properly consult with the public about what kind of postal service is needed before allowing Canada Post to make such major changes. At their last meeting held on September 24 , 2014, Council passed the following resolution.

WHEREAS Canada Post and the Conservatives are taking an axe to long-treasured postal services – killing good jobs, eliminating door-to-door delivery, drastically increasing postage rates and closing, downsizing and reducing hours at post offices:

WHEREAS Canada Post did not properly consult on these changes, effectively eliminating any opportunity for input from the people who will be most affected; and

WHEREAS closing and downsizing post offices, reducing post office hours, and eliminating door-to-door delivery will reduce service and eliminate thousands of jobs in communities throughout our country.

WHEREAS Canada Post offers a public service that needs to be protected;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Channel - Port aux Basques calls on the government to reverse the changes to services announced by Canada Post, and to look instead for ways to increase service and revenues in areas such as postal banking.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Town of Channel - Port aux Basques asks the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request that the federal government consult with the public about what kind of postal service they need before allowing Canada Post to make such major changes to public postal service.

Thanking you in advance for your consideration, I remain,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Barry Spencer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Barry Spencer
Town Manager

Per Town Council of Channel - Port aux Basques

cc Hon. Judy Foote, MP
Denis Lemelin, CUPW
Claude Dauphin, FCM
Andrew Parsons, MHA