

October 22, 2014

The Honourable Lisa Raitt
Minister of Transportation Development
Place de Ville, Tower C, 29th Floor
330 Sparks Street
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Minister Raitt;

Stewiacke Town Council voiced their concerns and forwarded to your office two resolution earlier this year related to the ongoing issue of Canada Post.

Changes are still occurring and Council passed another Resolution, attached, requesting that our Government reverse the changes to the services announced by Canada Post and look instead for ways to increase service and revenue such as postal banking.

We thank you in advance for your consideration in this regard and await your positive response.

Sincerely,



Wendy Robinson
Mayor
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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 postal rates and closing, downsizing and reducing hours at post offices; and

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; and

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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Stewiacke write a letter to the Minister responsible for Canada Post that 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 Stewiacke ask the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request that the federal government properly consult with the public about what kind of postal service they need before allowing Canada Post to make such major changes to public postal services.