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“Liberals, Bring Back Our Home Delivery for the Holidays,” Union Urges

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Judy Foote, the Minister of Public Services and Procurement, told the *Journal de Montréal* today that she cannot confirm that those who have lost their home delivery will have it restored.

In response, the union representing postal workers cited numerous media reports that the new U.S.-designed community mailboxes are freezing shut, even as winter is just beginning.

“It’s not too late to bring back our home delivery for the holidays,” said Mike Palecek, national president of the Canadian Union of Postal Workers, pointing out that the carriers who deliver those routes are still working for Canada Post.

“The longer we wait to restore door-to-door, the more difficult it will be.”

Minister Foote’s announcement that a review of Canada Post’s mandate is being prepared in a few months’ time was welcomed by the union, which is advocating for a public process that will put a postal bank back on the table.

“Canada’s big banks just reported a whopping combined profit of \$35 billion,” said Palecek. “Even a tiny fraction of that money could help fund better public postal services for everyone.”

CUPW is hoping the new Liberal government will finally share a heavily censored postal banking study that the previous government refused to discuss.

“When banks are reporting \$35 billion in profits, but we’re paying some of the highest bank and ATM fees in the world and nearly 2 million of us are resorting to payday lenders, it’s time to talk about a public option,” said Palecek.

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