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Postal Workers Ask Minister to Investigate Canada Post in the Wake of Fraud Allegations

OTTAWA – The Canadian Union of Postal Workers has written to Judy Foote’s office calling for an audit of Canada Post.

The request from the union follows a CBC story about RCMP raids on a Winnipeg construction company responsible for converting the old Winnipeg postal plant into police headquarters that could potentially lead to a criminal investigation into the more recent construction of the Winnipeg Mail Processing Plant.

“The latest revelations about potential fraud in the construction of postal facilities in Winnipeg show we badly need more transparency and accountability from this Crown Corporation,” said Mike Palecek, CUPW national president.

Completed in 2010, the Winnipeg Mail Processing Plant was the flagship of Canada Post’s expensive \$2 billion postal transformation project, which has involved the buying, selling and reconstruction of buildings across the country and resulted in many issues for postal workers forced to adapt to different working methods.

Canada Post has also made the case for cutting postal service to the public based on numbers and mail volume counts that the union says just don’t add up. A review of Canada Post has been expected for some time now and the union hopes that this review will reveal the truth about Canada Post’s numbers.

“At this point, it’s difficult to trust anything Canada Post says. It’s time for the Minister and, if necessary, the Auditor General, to find out what’s really going on,” said Palecek.

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