

## **Congratulations Minister Qualtrough. Now, we have work to do.**

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OTTAWA - The Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) congratulate Carla Qualtrough for her appointment as Federal Minister of Public Service and Procurement. Minister Qualtrough is now responsible for the Canada Post Corporation, and CUPW reminds her that a lot of work has to be done to ensure our postal public service thrives in the future.

« The Liberal government has been in power for more than two years, yet we are still waiting to see if they will fulfill Mr. Trudeau's promise to restore door to door delivery. We hope Minister Qualtrough will follow through quickly. Canadians voted to keep their public service, it's time to deliver », said Mike Palecek, National President of CUPW.

Lack of transparency, collaboration and accountability have been the longstanding culture at Canada Post. An attempt to eliminate door-to-door mail delivery based on false long-term financial projections, Post Office closures, large bonuses to senior management during periods of financial restraint, running roughshod over municipalities as the voice of local communities and a confrontational and toxic approach to labour relations, is the track record of outgoing management.

A few weeks ago, Canada Post CEO, Deepak Chopra, announced he will step down in the spring of 2018. With many of Canada Post's Board of Directors terms expired, it is time to put in place a forward-thinking management team that values public service and respects its workforce.

Canada Post's new Board must have a mandate to not just maintain Canada Post, but expand the postal service as a successful entity for decades to come. To this end, CUPW has sent the attached letter to the Prime Minister.

CUPW is eager to sit down with Minister Qualtrough at the earliest opportunity to start working on the future of our public postal service.

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