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March 24, 2015

Lisa Raitt
Minister of Transport
Place de Ville, Tower C
29th Floor
330 Sparks Street
Ottawa, ON K1A 0N5

RE: Canada Post

Dear Minister Raitt,

Please find enclosed a copy of the resolution Council passed at our regular meeting on March 16, 2015 requesting that Canada Post reverse the changes that have been made to their services recently. As Minister responsible for Canada Post we are requesting that you consult with small and rural populations before any more cuts are made.

While we can appreciate that the advent of email and the internet has had an impact on the financial bottom line of Canada Post and new ways of improving efficiencies must be sought we also know that the Canadian populace should also be included in major alterations to service.

As political leaders in our community we would be remiss if we did not speak out and add our voice to those concerned with how these service level changes have come about. Baldwin Township is a small rural municipality that has already been victim to unilateral service downsizing by Canada Post we do not want to see that happen again.

Should you wish to discuss matter directly, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

Vern Gorham
Mayor

CC: Carol Hughes, MP
Denis Lemelin, President Canadian Union of Postal Workers



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March 24, 2015

Brad Woodside
President
Federation of Canadian Municipalities
24 Clarence Street
Ottawa, ON K1N 5P3

RE: Canada Post

Dear Mr. Woodside,

Please find enclosed a copy of the resolution Council passed at our regular meeting on March 16, 2015 requesting that Canada Post reverse the changes that have been made to their services recently. As I am sure that you can appreciate small, rural and northern municipalities like Baldwin Township are more often than not the victims of service downsizing. In fact, we have already been a victim of previous cuts. We are seeking the support of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to advocate in these matters directly with the Canadian government as we realize our actions will not be sufficient to yield change.

While we can appreciate that the advent of email and the internet has had an impact on the financial bottom line of Canada Post and new ways of improving efficiencies must be sought we also know that the Canadian populace should also be included in major alterations to service. We are asking that you approach the federal government and request that they consult broadly with Canadians to ensure that their proposed and already enacted changes are indeed supported by the Canadian electorate.

Should you wish to discuss matter directly, please feel free to contact me.

Regards,

Vern Gorham
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MOVED BY: Dore Korte

DATE: March 16, 2015

SECONDED BY: Ray Maltais

MOTION NO.: 15-041

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;

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;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin 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;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT: the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin ask 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 the public postal service.

Carried ✓ Defeated _____ Mayor CS

RECORDED VOTE	FOR	AGAINST
Vern Gorham		
David Fairbairn		
Kyle Gagne		
Ray Maltais		
Bert McDowell		