

## **1. Canada Post**

Whereas Canada Post's plans to eliminate door-to-door mail delivery and drastically increase the cost of stamps and bulk mailings with the result that five million urban homes will lose home mail delivery; and

Whereas this irresponsible cut will unfairly impact the most vulnerable people in our communities, including seniors, persons with disabilities and people with poor health and will eliminate up to 8000 middle class jobs for postal workers; and

Whereas drastic increases to postal rates will make life even more expensive for families, small businesses, and charitable organizations which are already struggling with rising costs and a volatile economy; and

Whereas Canada Post has been profitable for 16 of the last 17 years and during the years of profitability Canada Post returned over \$1.5 billion to the federal government in the form of dividends and income taxes; and

Whereas we recognize there has been a decline in letter mail volumes, we believe that Canada Post should be looking at innovative ways to expand service and generate new revenue rather than dismantling a public service that Canadians value and depend on; and

Whereas there are more on-line purchases which have resulted in a surge of parcel delivery volumes and thus additional revenue; and

Whereas a significant portion of postal revenue in a variety of countries (including the United Kingdom,

France, Italy, Switzerland and New Zealand) comes from the banking and other financial services they provide; and

Whereas banking and financial services would help expand access to those services in communities that are not well-served by Canada's banking services; and

Whereas there are practical options to expand service and revenue, Canada Post should be considering those alternatives; and

Whereas Canada Post has refused to engage in any real public consultation or dialogue with key stakeholders (including postal unions) in respect to various alternatives; and

Whereas it is outrageous that such major cuts and rate hikes are being pursued without any real public consultation; and

Whereas the federal government is set to review how to handle out public postal service with a review of the Canadian Postal Service Charter in 2014;

**Therefore be it resolved:**

That this meeting of the affiliates of the National Pensioners' Federation urge the federal government to stop the drastic cuts and rate hikes proposed by Canada Post and instead use the Postal Service Charter review to consult with the public and key stakeholders about alternatives – such as expanding parcel post delivery and providing banking services at post offices that would

generate new revenue and ensure a financially viable and service-oriented postal service for the future.

## **2. Postal Service**

Whereas Canada Post has announced that it will be cancelling door-to-door mail delivery in the near future and has in fact already done so in a few areas; and

Whereas Canada Post CEO Deepak Chopra announced this was being done after consultation with Canadians who were “invited” to meetings across the country (their report says the meetings in British Columbia were held in Vancouver, Coquitlam, Nanaimo and Kamloops, hardly representative of the whole province); and

Whereas absolutely no consideration appears to have been given to the needs of the disabled, seniors who are shut-ins who live in parts of the country where winter weather can be a major factor; and

Whereas in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia alone there have been multiple problems with the security of community mail boxes;

### **Therefore be it resolved**

That the National Pensioners’ Federation insist that the federal government require Canada Post to put current plans, not only for the cancellation of door-to-door mail delivery, but for the closure of Canada Post offices, on indefinite hold until more research has been completed with input from all of the citizens of Canada.

### **3. Canada Post**

Whereas the recent decision by Canada Post Corporation and the federal government to phase out home delivery and to increase the process of stamps leaves many Ontario citizens without means of communication; and

Whereas many citizens, due to age, disability or infirmity, etc., are unable to have easy access to community mailboxes; and

Whereas the exorbitant increase in the price of stamps will make life even more difficult for cash-strapped families, small businesses and charitable organizations; and

Whereas this decision will result in major job loss and further devastation of communities;

### **Therefore be it resolved**

That the NPF Convention call upon Prime Minister Steven Harper and Canada Post Corporation to look at innovation rather than job cutting and increased prices as a way of making the Corporation profitable; and

### **Be it further resolved**

That Canada, like every other country in the world, continue home delivery and search for ways to save money without impacting people.