

## Village of Paradise Hill OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

March 3, 2015

Lisa Riatt, Minister of Transport Place de Ville, Tower C 29<sup>th</sup> Floor, 330 Sparks Street Ottawa, Ont. K1A 0N5

Dear Hon. Lisa Riatt:

Please note that at their regular meeting held on February 17, 2015, the Council of the Village of Paradise Hill passed the following resolution:

#53/15

## SUPPORT FOR CANADA POST:

<u>WINTERHALT</u> moved that the Village of Paradise Hill 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;

CARRIED.

Closing and downsizing post offices, reducing postal hours, and eliminating door-to-door delivery will reduce service. This reduction in service creates difficulties, especially for seniors and people with mobility issues.

Significant increases in postal rates in recent years has created a hardship, particularly for small businesses and charities. These rate hikes have only served to further accelerate the transition to electronic payments and correspondence. However, the postal system is still important and needs to be protected.

While we understand the challenges faced are significant in nature, we want to ensure that you remain aware of the importance that the local post office plays in small communities such as ours. We sincerely request, that every option or avenue be pursued, leaving down-sizing and service reduction as a last resort.

Yours truly, Marion Houghan

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Administrator

Denis Lemelin, Canadian Union of Postal Workers

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