

CUPW Translation

Municipality of Saint-Alexis

Saint-Alexis, September 9, 2014

Sir:

Further to your correspondence dated July 17, 2014 and addressed to the Honourable Lisa Raitt, Minister of Transport and federal government minister responsible for the Canada Post Corporation, and to a meeting of the Municipal Council held on September 8, 2014, please find attached a copy of resolution no. 2014-09-09 in support steps taken by the *Fédération québécoise des municipalités* (Quebec Federation of Municipalities).

Sincerely,

Rémy Lanoue,
City Manager

Encl. (1)

c.c. Mr. Denis Lemelin ✓
National President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers

September 9, 2014

Minutes Copy of Resolution ✓

Municipality of Saint-Alexis

A regular meeting of the Municipality of Saint-Alexis was held on September 8, 2014, attended by His Honour Mayor Robert Perreault and the following councillors:

Ms. Guylaine Perreault
Mr. Denis Ricard
Mr. Louise Ricard

Mr. Michel Ricard
Mr. Gaston Wolfe
Mr. Pascal Thuot

A quorum was reached, and the meeting was chaired by the Mayor.

Mr. Rémy Lanoue, Secretary-Treasurer, was also in attendance.

2014-09-09

SUPPORT FOR THE

FÉDÉRATION QUÉBÉCOISE DES MUNICIPALITÉS **(QUEBEC FEDERATION OF MUNICIPALITIES):** **POSTAL SERVICES IN RURAL AREAS**

WHEREAS

at a meeting of its board of directors on June 5 and 6, 2014, the *Fédération québécoise des municipalités* (Quebec Federation of Municipalities) adopted, with respect to postal services in rural areas, resolution CA-2014-06-05/05, which “ask[s] the federal government’s minister responsible for the Canada Post Corporation, Ms. Lisa Raitt:

- *[to ensure] that the moratorium on post office closures in small and rural communities protects the public nature of post offices while providing for a means to begin thinking about the accessibility of these services;*
- *[to eliminate] the exceptions to the moratorium that are set out in the Canadian Postal Service Charter with respect to post office closures;*

- [to extend] the consultation process over possible closures and mak[e] the process and moratorium more transparent;
- [to establish] a reasonable, uniform and democratic process for making changes to the postal and delivery network, closures, downsizing, removal of rural mailboxes, etc), but only after consultation with the public and other stakeholders”;

a copy of which is attached;

THEREFORE,

on a motion by Councillor Louis Ricard, be it resolved by the members of the Board of Directors in attendance to support the *Fédération québécoise des municipalités* (Quebec Federation of Municipalities) in its representations to the Federal Government TO:

- ensure that the moratorium on post office closures in small and rural communities protects the public nature of post offices, i.e. that these post offices be maintained;
- maintain mail delivery in both rural and urban areas.

TRUE COPY MADE ON
SEPTEMBER 9, 2014, IN SAINT-ALEXIS.

Signed _____

Rémy Lanoue
City Manager and Secretary-Treasurer

**FÉDÉRATION QUÉBÉCOISE
DES MUNICIPALITÉS
(Quebec Federation of Municipalities)**

Excerpt from the minutes of a meeting of the Board of Directors of the *Fédération québécoise des municipalités* – FQM (Quebec Federation of Municipalities) held on June 5 and 6, 2014, at the Plaza Québec Hotel:

**RESOLUTION CA-2014-06-05/05
Postal Services
in Rural Areas**

WHEREAS the FQM has received numerous resolutions on postal services further to the announcement, by Canada Post, of its plan aimed at returning it to financial sustainability by 2019;

WHEREAS this five-point plan provides for phasing out door-to-door delivery and converting one third of Canadian households to community mailboxes, streamlining operations through the use of technology and the consolidation of services, and eliminating 6,000 to 8,000 positions through attrition and bargaining by 2019;

WHEREAS the FQM believes it is important to ensure mail delivery throughout Quebec, in both rural and urban areas;

WHEREAS closing service outlets in rural areas directly impact land occupancy and the vitality of communities;

WHEREAS there are avenues that are worthy of serious consideration before contemplating closures, and that the situation should be carefully analyzed in order to find better alternatives for maintaining an acceptable level of service;

It is moved by: **Ms. Paulette Lalande**
and seconded by: **M. Dominic Tremblay**

TO ASK Ms. Lisa Raitt, the federal government minister responsible for Canada Post, to:

- Ensure that the moratorium on post office closures in small and rural communities protects the public nature of post offices while

- providing for a means to begin thinking about the accessibility of these services;
- Eliminate the exceptions to the moratorium that are set out in the *Canadian Postal Service Charter* with respect to post office closures;
 - Extend the consultation process over possible closures and make the process and moratorium more transparent;
 - Establish an independent Canada Post ombudsperson to report on Canada Post's performance in meeting *Charter* expectations;
 - Establish a reasonable, uniform and democratic process for making changes to the postal and delivery network (closures, downsizing, removal of rural mailboxes, etc.), but only after consultation with the public and other stakeholders;

TO CONVEY a copy of this resolution to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, postal unions, and the members of the FQM.

Carried unanimously.

True certified copy of resolution CA-2014-06-05/05, subject to the minutes being adopted by the Board of Directors of the *Fédération québécoise des municipalités* (Quebec Federation of Municipalities).

(signed)

ANN BOURGET
City Manager and
Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation

July 15, 2014

Date