Rural Municipality of Sifton

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February 23, 2015

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

Honourable Minister Raitt:

I am writing, on behalf of the Rural Municipality of Sifton, to request that the federal government consult with the public concerning postal service requirements prior to making major changes to this service. We also ask that the government reverse the changes to services announced by Canada Post and, instead, look for ways to increase services and revenues.

Enclosed please find Certified Resolution No. 2015-078 to this effect.

Sincerely,

Mary Smith, CMMA

Chief Administrative Officer

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Cc:

Brad Woodside, Federation of Canadian Municipalities

Denis Lemelin, CUPW Larry Maguire, MP

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RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF SIFTON

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-078

February 10, 2015

Moved by:

"Scott Phillips"

Seconded by: "Stan Cochrane"

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;

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;

WHEREAS Canada Post offers a public service that needs to be protected;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Sifton 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 services and revenues in areas such as postal banking;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rural Municipality of Sifton 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 public postal service.

CARRIED.

Chairman: "Rick Plaisier"

Certified a true and correct

copy of Resolution No. 2015-078

Mary Smith

Chief Administrative Officer