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January 16, 2014

The Honourable Lisa Raitt
Minister of Transport
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister:

RE: PROPOSED CHANGES TO CANADA POST SERVICES

On behalf of Trail City Council, I am writing this letter in support of the correspondence dated January 8, 2014 from Alex Atamanenko, MP for BC Southern Interior, expressing concern about the recent announcement by Canada Post of its plans to eliminate home delivery service, pursue the privatization of postal outlets, increase postal rates and lay off between 6,000 to 8,000 postal workers.

Trail City Council echoes the concerns expressed by our Member of Parliament, particularly related to delivery service and rates. Due to the steep topography and winter conditions that we contend with in Trail, the elimination of home delivery service will be a hardship for many of our residents, particularly our seniors and those with disabilities.

In addition, the proposed new postage rates are concerning for our businesses, already struggling to compete with larger metropolitan areas and cross border shopping. Municipalities and other governmental agencies which rely upon mail service for delivery of necessary invoices, notices and publications to their constituents will be noticeably impacted by the increased rates.

We agree that the Federal Government should look more to the creation of new revenue generating opportunities for Canada Post instead of eliminating services and raising prices and urge you to reconsider these changes that will have a significant impact on rural Canada.

Sincerely,

Dieter A. Hogs
Mayor

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD MONDAY, JANUARY 13,
2014 COMMENCING AT 6:00 PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS IN CITY HALL**

5.5 Alex Atamanenko, BC Southern Interior MP- Canada Post Announcement

15-14 Moved: Councillor Georgetti
Sec'd: Councillor Jolly

That a letter of concern be sent to the federal Minister of Transport with respect to Canada Post's announced delivery service changes.
Carried unanimously.