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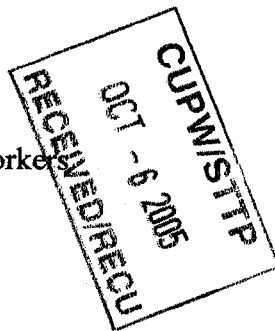


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Ms. Deborah Bourque
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Dear Ms. Bourque:

Thank you for your letter of September 21, 2005, regarding Canada Post Corporation and its network of rural and urban post offices and mail processing plants.

My role as the Minister responsible for Canada Post Corporation is to determine the broad policy direction of the Corporation. Canada Post's day-to-day operations are overseen by its management. In this regard, I understand that Ms. Moya Greene, President of Canada Post, has directly responded to your correspondence on the transfer of Lettermail and Admail processing from Quebec City to Montreal and indeed, has met with you recently to discuss the change.

With respect to the Government's position on rural post offices, I have made our position clear. The Government of Canada's commitment to the moratorium on rural post office closures remains unwavering. However, as I stated on August 25, 2005, in Lumsden, Saskatchewan, there may be instances where the closure of a rural post office is unavoidable. In such instances, there is an assessment and consultation process in place that will be followed. I am satisfied with this process and Canada Post's adherence to Government policy.

Your request to meet has been noted. However, as you are aware, Canada Post's relations with its unions are to be conducted at arm's length from the federal government. Given this relationship, I must give careful consideration to meeting requests such as yours. I encourage you to continue working with Ms. Greene to address issues of concern to you and your organization.

Yours sincerely,

The Honourable John McCallum, P.C., M.P.

- c.c. The Right Honourable Paul Martin, P.C., M.P.
- c.c. Mr. Robert Bouchard, M.P.
- c.c. Ms. Bev Desjarlais, M.P.
- c.c. Mr. Brian Pallister, M.P.
- c.c. Mr. Gordon Feeney, Chairman of the Board of Directors
- c.c. Ms. Moya Greene, President and Chief Executive Officer

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