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Federation of Canadian Municipalities
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Attention: Bradley Woodside
President

Dear President Woodside:

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RE: The Future of Rural Post Offices

The Town Council of Marystown, in a Council meeting held on May 5, 2015, discussed correspondence received on April 29, 2015, regarding the continued reduction of public postal services and the elimination of jobs in rural and urban Canada. Council fully supports the position of the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association opposing the closure of more rural post offices, the privatization of rural postal services and the reduction of service in rural post offices.

Our public post offices play a key role in our social and economic life by providing the infrastructure that healthy communities need to thrive and businesses need to grow. There is currently a moratorium in place since 1994 on the closure of rural post offices and yet, the closures are continuing. Many communities are already experiencing a high level of dissatisfaction with the postal services offered. Closing more rural post offices and reducing services will only increase that dissatisfaction and result in a loss of identity that the entire community and surrounding area will feel.

In that regard, Council passed the following motion at its Regular Council Meeting of May 5, 2015, as follows:

Motion

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Moved by Councillor Slaney, seconded by Councillor Pittman

“BE IT RESOLVED Council support and adopt the following resolution as put forth by the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association (CPAA):

WHEREAS the Federal Government is the sole shareholder of the Canada Post Corporation;

WHEREAS the Federal Government maintains the moratorium against Rural Post Office closures;

WHEREAS the Canada Post Corporation implemented a five-point action plan which will only lead to the privatization of rural post offices and the erosion of postal services to rural communities;

WHEREAS all rural Canadians, no matter where they live, are entitled to a full-service federally operated Post Office in their communities;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of Marystown demand that the Federal Government continue to enforce the moratorium on rural post office closures and reject all proposals put forth by the Canada Post Corporation for the privatization of rural postal services and the reduction of service in rural post offices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of Marystown ask the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request that the federal government properly 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.”

Motion carried unanimously.

Yours truly,



Sam Synard
Mayor

cc: Judy Foote, MP
Random-Burin-St. George's District

RESOLUTION

Council of Marystown

Moved by/ Councillor Lisa Staney No. mmc 2015 05 05/034R

Seconded by/ Councillor Leonard Pittman Date May 5, 2015

WHEREAS the Federal Government is the sole share holder of the Canada Post Corporation.

WHEREAS the Federal Government maintains the moratorium against Rural Post Office closures.

WHEREAS the Canada Post Corporation implemented a Five-point action plan which will only lead to the privatization of rural post offices and the erosion of postal services to rural communities.

WHEREAS all rural Canadians no matter where they live are entitled to a full service federally operated Post Office in their communities.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT

The council of Marystown
Demand that the Federal Government continue to enforce the moratorium on rural post offices closures and reject all proposals put forth by the Canada Post Corporation for the privatization of rural postal services and the reduction of service in rural post offices.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT

Council of Marystown ask the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to request that the federal government properly 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.