

Member Update on Recent Activity

October 24th, 2025

Earlier today, the **Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association (CPAA)** met with **The Honourable Joël Lightbound, Minister of Government Transformation, Public Works, and Procurement**. Minister Lightbound is responsible for the directive that has led to the current negotiations, making him a critical decision-maker target in CPAA's advocacy mission.

During the meeting, CPAA reiterated our key calls to action, urging the federal government to:

- **Commit to transparent consultation** with rural, remote, and Northern communities **before** any postal changes, reductions, or closures occur.
- **Extend the consultation period** from **45 to 100 days** to ensure communities have a fair opportunity to participate—while maintaining the existing moratorium throughout that time.
- **Guarantee a baseline level of postal service** in all rural and remote communities by setting a minimum access distance standard, assessed case-by-case, while **protecting the jobs of rural postmasters and assistants**.

In response, Minister Lightbound provided several assurances that the Government remains committed to protecting, and in some cases enhancing, postal service in rural, remote, and Northern communities. The Minister made this commitment publicly yesterday at the House of Commons Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates, where he stated:

"I want to be very clear in the direction I gave to Canada Post, which is to protect the services in rural, remote and Indigenous communities. That is fundamental and I expect that this principle will be respected in the plan they put forward." He further stated: "Often the post office is an essential link in many communities, and I am well aware of that. It is really not what we are targeting with the [lifting of] the moratorium." You can view his full testimony [here](#).

Minister Lightbound has pledged to continue consulting with CPAA following the release of Canada Post's forthcoming plan, emphasizing the need to get the process right.

CPAA will continue engaging with the Minister and his team to ensure that the voices of our members and the communities they serve remain central as the Government considers changes to Canada's postal network.

We will also be providing the media with an update on today's meeting.

Upcoming: CPAA Testimony Before the House Committee

On **Tuesday, October 28 at 12:00 p.m. (EST)**, **CPAA's National President** will appear before the **House of Commons Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO)** to represent CPAA. The Committee is conducting a short review of the Government's

handling of *"the Situation at Canada Post"* and will hear from several affected organizations to inform its recommendations. We will post an update following this appearance.

We will continue to keep members updated as progress is made.

Thank you, as always, for your continued dedication and service to Canadians.