



CPAA ADVOCACY TOOLKIT

2026 Federal Pre-Budget Submission

About CPAA

The Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association (CPAA) represents over 8,500 postal workers who operate more than half of all post offices across the country. These employees, 92% of whom are women, are at the heart of community life in rural, remote, and Indigenous regions. They provide critical connections that enable access to prescription medications, financial and government services, the delivery of vital communications, and keep communities connected across Canada and worldwide.

CPAA Federal Advocacy

Over the past year, the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association has undertaken a significant national advocacy effort to ensure the realities and needs of rural, remote, and Indigenous communities are reflected in federal decision-making. Through direct engagement with Members of Parliament, Ministers' offices, federal officials, media, and stakeholders across the country, CPAA has worked to position rural post offices and postal workers as essential infrastructure that communities rely on every day.

CPAA's advocacy has focused on protecting and modernizing rural postal services at a time of significant change within Canada Post. This has included advancing practical recommendations to strengthen rural service delivery, support local economies, improve access to essential goods and services, and ensure rural Canadians are not left behind as transformation efforts move forward. CPAA has also emphasized the unique role rural post offices can play as trusted community hubs, particularly in underserved and remote regions.

As part of these efforts, CPAA submitted recommendations to the Government of Canada ahead of Budget 2026, calling for targeted investments and policy measures that would support rural communities while strengthening the long-term sustainability of Canada Post's rural network.

This advocacy toolkit is intended to help members better understand CPAA's recommendations and support outreach efforts within their own communities and with local elected representatives.

2026 Federal Pre-Budget Submission Recommendations

Below are the key recommendations included in CPAA's 2026 Federal Pre-Budget Submission aimed at strengthening service delivery and improving affordability for rural, remote, and Indigenous communities.

Recommendation 1:

Undertake a reassessment and modernization of the postal network to support the optimization of post offices in rural, remote, and Indigenous communities as multi-service hubs, including access to government, financial, and connectivity services, while reducing reliance on costlier and less effective methods of delivery.

Recommendation 2:

Expand the federal Nutrition North program to include a Canada Post delivery stream by replacing or complementing the current retail subsidy model with direct delivery of essential goods through Canada Post to Indigenous communities.

[Read CPAA's 2026 Federal Pre-Budget Submission](#)

Submission Summary

CPAA's 2026 Federal Pre-Budget Submission focuses on strengthening rural, remote, and Indigenous communities by modernizing and expanding the role of Canada Post and local post offices. The submission argues that existing postal infrastructure is underutilized and could play a greater role in improving access to essential services, enhancing food security, and supporting community resilience.

The submission highlights growing challenges faced by rural and Indigenous Canadians, including limited access to government and financial services, high food costs, and reduced service reliability associated with centralized delivery models such as community mailboxes. CPAA proposes leveraging the existing post office network as a practical and cost-effective solution to address these gaps while supporting local employment and strengthening community infrastructure.

The submission also emphasizes the need for greater transparency and accountability in federal programs serving Indigenous communities, particularly Nutrition North. By incorporating Canada Post into the delivery of essential goods, CPAA argues the federal government could improve affordability, ensure subsidies more directly benefit households, and create a more reliable and equitable delivery system for underserved regions.

Template Letter to Minister of Finance and National Revenue

This template letter is intended to support CPAA members in advocating for stronger rural, remote, and Indigenous postal services by encouraging the federal government to adopt the recommendations outlined in CPAA's 2026 Federal Pre-Budget Submission.

Members are encouraged to personalize and send the template letter below to Canada's Minister of Finance, François-Philippe Champagne, to demonstrate broad support for these important priorities.

Email: minister-ministre@fin.gc.ca

Suggested Subject Line: Support for CPAA's 2026 Pre-Budget Recommendations

Personalizing Your Letter

Where possible, members are encouraged to personalize the letter by referencing:

- Their community or region
- Their role or local post office
- Examples of how postal services support their community
- Local challenges faced in rural, remote, or Indigenous regions

Members should also include their full name and community in their signature.

Please attach CPAA's 2026 Federal Pre-Budget Submission PDF when sending your email.

Template Letter

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Finance and National Revenue
Department of Finance Canada
90 Elgin Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0G5

Dear Minister Champagne,

I am writing to you as a member of the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association (CPAA) to express my support for the recommendations outlined in CPAA's 2026 Federal Pre-Budget Submission.

Across rural, remote, and Indigenous Canada, local post offices remain essential community infrastructure. Beyond mail delivery, they provide reliable access to parcels, medications, government correspondence, and other critical services that many Canadians depend on every day. In many smaller communities, the post office is one of the few remaining public service points residents can consistently access and trust.

CPAA's recommendations present a practical and cost-effective opportunity to strengthen these communities while making better use of existing federal infrastructure. In particular, I encourage the federal government to modernize the postal network by supporting post offices as multi-service community hubs and to expand the Nutrition North program through a Canada Post delivery stream to improve affordability and accessibility for Indigenous residents.

These recommendations would help improve service delivery, strengthen food security, support local employment, and ensure Canadians living in underserved regions continue to receive equitable access to essential services.

As someone who sees firsthand the important role post offices play in connecting communities, I strongly encourage your government to give these recommendations serious consideration as part of the upcoming federal budget process.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important issue. I appreciate your continued work on behalf of Canadians and would welcome your support for CPAA's recommendations.

Sincerely,
[Full Name]
[Community, Province/Territory]
Member, Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association

Sample Social Media Posts

Facebook

CPAA members are proud to support rural, remote, and Indigenous communities across Canada. Local post offices are more than mail delivery points. They help connect Canadians to medications, government services, parcels, and essential communications.

CPAA's 2026 Federal Pre-Budget Submission outlines recommendations to strengthen rural postal services and improve access to essential goods and services in underserved communities.

Read the full submission here: [\[Insert Link\]](#)

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Instagram

Local post offices help keep the heart beating in rural, remote, and Indigenous communities across Canada. 📮

CPAA's 2026 Federal Pre-Budget Submission calls for stronger rural postal services and improved access to essential services in underserved communities.

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The Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association (CPAA) has released its 2026 Federal Pre-Budget Submission focused on strengthening service delivery in rural, remote, and Indigenous communities across Canada.

Local post offices help keep the heart beating in rural Canada by supporting access to medications, government services, parcel delivery, and community connectivity.

CPAA's recommendations call for:

- Modernizing post offices as multi-service community hubs
- Expanding Nutrition North through a Canada Post delivery stream
- Improving access to essential services and goods in underserved regions

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