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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
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Dear Prime Minister:

Re: Future of Canada Post

The review of Canada Post has now been completed and the Standing Committee on Government Operations and Estimates (OGGO) has tabled its 45 recommendations. We are now expecting the Government's decision on the future of Canada Post. Council of the Township of Amaranth would like to provide its views on the recommendations tabled by the Parliamentary Committee.

We are pleased that the Committee would like to see the moratorium on conversion to community mail boxes (CMBs) maintained and that it recommends the restoration of door-to-door delivery, however, we are asking you to apply this measure to all the households who lost door-to-door delivery, as promised by you and Liberal MPs.

Here are some of the Committee's recommendations that, we hope, will be among those of your Government:

- Maintain Canada Post's moratorium on CMB conversion and restore door-to-door delivery for all households who lost it;
- Maintain the moratorium on post office closures and examine how to expand their opening hours;
- Assess how Canada Post could offer more services through its existing retail network;
- Study how to transform post offices into community hubs;
- Study the possibility of using Canada Post to offer wide band Internet services and better cellular phone services in rural areas;
- Develop a specific and rigorous process for collaboration between Canada Post and municipalities.

Surprisingly, even though more than 600 municipalities as well as many organizations adopted resolutions in favour of postal banking services, we have noticed a total lack of reflection and instructions on this matter in the Parliamentary Committee's report. We would like the

Government to seriously study the possibility of offering such services when it tables its reply to the Parliamentary Committee's report.

We believe that these proposals represent an excellent opportunity to expand the mandate of the Corporation and thereby develop new services that would better respond to citizens' needs and that would reflect what a 21st century post office should look like.

Council of the Township of Amaranth is also concerned with addresses being changed, which leads to unnecessary costs for individuals, as lettermail is not always returned to sender. Council is also concerned about the fact that our mail is shipped out to larger centres for processing, rather than being sorted locally, increasing the time it takes for the mail to reach its final destination.

We hope you will take our concerns into consideration in drafting your recommendations.

Yours truly,



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