

Office of the Minister of Transport,  
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Ottawa, Canada K1A 0N5

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Ms. Deborah Bourque  
National President  
Canadian Union of Postal Workers  
377 Bank Street  
Ottawa ON K2P 1Y3

Dear Ms. Bourque:

I am writing further to our previous exchange of correspondence regarding the moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns.

As mentioned in my letter of July 25, 2006, the Government of Canada is committed to ensuring that rural Canadians continue to receive quality postal services. Therefore, I can assure you on behalf of Minister Cannon, that the moratorium on rural post office closures will remain in place.

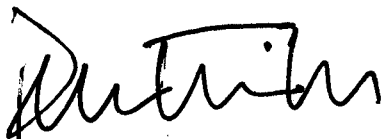
Since taking office last February, the Minister has on several occasions met with Mr. Gordon Feeney, Chair of Canada Post, and Ms. Moya Greene, the Corporation's President and Chief Executive Officer. In those meetings, Minister Cannon emphasized the federal government's commitment to ensuring that rural Canadians continue to receive quality postal services. Minister Cannon has also reminded the Mr. Feeney and Ms. Greene that the purpose of Canada Post is to provide universal postal services at affordable prices for all Canadians, and that he expects the Corporation to conduct its affairs accordingly.

With respect to your request for a list of post offices covered by the moratorium, I should note that it applies to all of Canada Post's corporate rural post offices. Canada Post is in a better position to provide such a list, and I note that you have taken the appropriate action in forwarding a copy of your correspondence to Ms. Greene, for her consideration.

As you may be aware, the moratorium permits Canada Post to amalgamate rural post offices in exceptional circumstances. I have been informed that amalgamations are considered on a case-by-case basis. Moreover, the Corporation must consult with the affected communities and notify the Minister before taking such action.

I trust that the foregoing has addressed your concerns.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Terrien". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P" and a distinct "T".

Paul Terrien  
Chief of Staff

c.c. Ms. Moya Greene