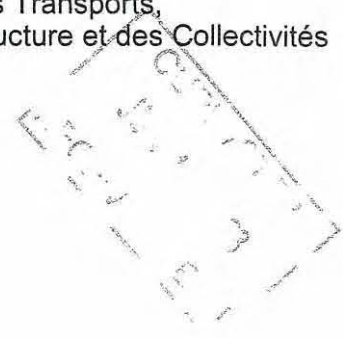


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Dear Mr. Lemelin:

Thank you for your correspondence of May 1, 2008, concerning the Canada Post Corporation (CPC) Strategic Review.

As you know, Canada Post is a Crown corporation that reports to Parliament through me and operates at arm's length from the federal government. My role, as Minister responsible for CPC, is to determine the broad policy direction of the Corporation, while respecting its operational autonomy in other matters.

On April 21, 2008, I announced that the Government of Canada would conduct a strategic review of the CPC, guided by established terms of reference and led by an independent advisory panel. This was a public announcement, Canadians were encouraged to provide written submissions to the advisory panel, and interested individuals were directed to the panel's website for further details.

As noted in the Terms of Reference, the advisory panel will be providing a status report by the end of September to inform me on its progress. With the exception of sections that are commercially sensitive, the final report, expected in December 2008, will be made public.

While the review is ongoing, the business of CPC must continue. Activities that were initiated prior to the announcement of the review will continue while the panel prepares its report. These activities include CPC's efforts to meet the government's directive on rural mail delivery and its obligation to the safety of its employees. The Parliamentary process will allow all issues around Bill C-14 to be debated and considered before any amendments to the *Canada Post Corporation Act* are enacted into law.

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I note that you have already provided a copy of your correspondence to the Canada Post Corporation Strategic Review Advisory Panel, which may wish to respond to some of the more specific questions in your letter.

Thank you for taking the time to raise your concerns about the Strategic Review with me.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lawrence Cannon".

The Honourable Lawrence Cannon, P.C., M.P.

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Mr. Mario Laframboise, M.P.
Mr. Mark Holland, M.P.