

To: Round Table Action-Gardien of Pointe-Saint-Charles

Re: Letter of Support to Maintain the Pointe Saint-Charles Post Office

Signed _____ 2008

I (We) _____ hereby want to support the Pointe Saint-Charles citizens in their claim to maintain their current post office.

According to Law, Canada Post is indeed a public society having the mandate to provide a basic service while improving it and making it financially autonomous. As any public service, its objective is to offer the best services to the society's citizens as a whole, at cost price, and not to make profits like any private services. Also, in the case of profits, these shall be reinvested to improve the services. However, Canada Post Corporation has gained profits every year in the last eleven years.

In this particular case however, while invoking a "too poor use", Canada Post is now proceeding to close its Pointe Saint-Charles Branch in order to relocate it away from the residential zones, in a location inaccessible by public transportation and very crowded with traffic. For the citizens, it means the loss of an essential service nearby that plays an important role in the community.

After Pointe Saint-Charles, will Canada Post use this same reason to relocate franchise or close all post offices of all Quebec and Canada's "Pointe Saint-Charles"? Will it act the same way towards the regions that are away from the great centers, in the small towns "having a too poor attendance"? When people aren't worth enough to have a public post office, what importance do they have then face to the government...

At a time when our ministers talk about regional development and wish that people take position, should we remind them that a simple way to support the local communities is to improve the public services, not to move them away, reduce them, close them, or privatize them.

This is why I (we) urge

- Canada Post to go back on its decision to relocate/close the Pointe Saint-Charles Post Office Branch, and to maintain as it is now in the Pointe Saint-Charles neighborhood.

Yours truly,

Name and signature: _____
Organization (if any): _____
Municipality: _____

Please return this letter to:

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You can return the letter at any time, but, If possible, try to do so by March 21, 2008.

Copies of this letter will be sent by Table de concertation Action-Gardien to:

Mrs. Moya Green, President of Canada Post

Mr. Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, and Minister responsible for Canada Post

Mr. Michael Fortier, Minister of Public Works and Government Services, and Minister responsible for the Region of Montreal