

Dear Council Members,

My name is Eugene Verdon, I am honored to serve as the President of the Maritime Branch of the Canadian Postmasters and Assistants Association (CPAA)—the second-largest and oldest union at Canada Post, representing over 8,500 employees in more than 3,000 rural post offices across Canada.

While much public attention is focused on the CUPW union, CPAA has quietly but firmly served as the voice of rural post office employees since 1902. Our members—92% women—are the backbone of small-town Canada, providing vital services and human connection in communities where few federal services remain.

We do not strike. We serve.

Canada Post's vast network is one of the last threads tying rural Canadians to essential services—from parcel delivery and bill payments to money transfers and government forms. Yet, our workforce and network continue to shrink. From over 10,000 jobs and 5,220 post offices in the 1980s, we are now down to just over 8,500 employees and 3,093 rural post offices—and that number continues to decline.

Although a moratorium on closures has existed since 1994, it has not stopped job cuts, hour reductions, and office closures. With the return of the Kaplan inquiry, the risk of losing more post offices is real.

Our members were declared essential during the pandemic. When others stayed home, we kept rural Canada running—delivering medication, groceries, and vital supplies. In places where banks have pulled out, the post office has become a lifeline.

If Canada Post's exclusive privilege to deliver letter mail is removed, rural areas could be left behind in favor of urban markets by private carriers. We must ensure equal access for all Canadians, regardless of geography.

Why This Matters to You? The loss of a rural post office is more than inconvenience—it's the loss of a community hub, a reliable job, and access to vital services. When replaced with dealer outlets or community mailboxes, the identity of the town fades. We've seen it happen.

Your support is critical. If you are contacted by Canada Post about service changes, please reach out to me. I'm here to answer questions and help defend your community's right to accessible postal services.

Let's keep the heart of rural Canada beating.

Sincerely,

Eugene Verdon

President, Maritime Branch

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