

Resolution 2C

CANADA POST CORPORATION: RURAL SERVICE REDUCTION (DEFEATED)

⇒ District of Shelburne

WHEREAS the citizens across Nova Scotia, especially seniors and people with special needs, rely on the postal service as it exists; and

WHEREAS due to the rural nature of many municipalities across Nova Scotia, there are no other similar services to those being offered by Canada Post that can replace the existing services; and

WHEREAS every single job in Canada serves as a significantly greater value in sustaining the community compared to urban areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the UNSM write FCM requesting that Canada Post maintain the current level delivery in rural Nova Scotia.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION: The Committee does not recommend this resolution. Canada Post has already initiated its five-year phase-out plan of home delivery. Home delivery service will be replaced with community mailboxes, however, Canadians who currently receive their mail and parcels through community mailboxes, grouped or lobby mailboxes or curbside rural mailboxes will not be affected.

FCM has communicated with Canada Post on this issue and has recommended three strategies: 1) Canada Post must work with municipalities to ensure the location of community mailboxes meets the needs of the community; 2) Canada Post must work with municipalities to develop agreeable processes to maintain their infrastructure or must compensate municipalities for this work; 3) Unique strategies must be developed in partnership with municipalities to support seniors and the disabled population who are challenged to access mail from community mailboxes.