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# Town of Bonavista

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November 8, 2005



Hon. John McCallum  
Minister Responsible for Canada Post  
Connaught Building, 7th. Floor South  
555 MacKenzie Avenue  
Ottawa, Ontario  
K1A 0L5

Dear Sir:-

**RE: Canada Post**  
**Closing Post Offices & Plant**

It has come to our attention that Canada Post, after a review of its postal network, plans to close a mail sorting plant in Quebec City as the very first step in its review.

The Town of Bonavista fears that this may be the beginning of the closure of many post offices, particularly in rural areas. This matter was discussed at a meeting of Council held on November 7, 2005. As a result of this discussion I was instructed to write you advising that council strongly disagrees with Canada Post's decision to close this plant and possibly others and request that you take action to stop this from happening.

A copy of a resolution to that effect is enclosed as passed by Council in the same meeting of November 7, 2005.

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Hon. John McCallum

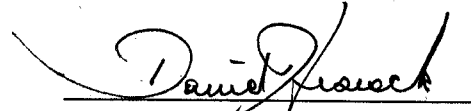
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We trust that you will take our concern into consideration and act positively on the situation.

Yours very truly,

THE TOWN OF BONA VISTA

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "David Hiscock", written over a horizontal line.

David Hiscock, C.M.C.  
Town Clerk

DH/dp  
Enclosure

cc. Ms. Deborah Bourque  
Mr. Scott Simms  
Ms. Moya Greene

## **POST OFFICE AND PLANT CLOSURES**

**WHEREAS** Canada Post is reviewing its entire postal network and has announced plans to close a mail sorting plant in Quebec City as the very first step in its review.

**WHEREAS** the government appears to support Canada Post's plan to close the plant in Quebec City, beginning in December 2005, which would eliminate 302 jobs.

**WHEREAS** the government is allowing Canada Post to close rural post offices in spite of a moratorium on post office closures in rural and small towns.

**WHEREAS** our public postal network connects communities throughout this vast land, helping us to overcome differences and distances.

**WHEREAS** our public postal network plays a key role in our social and economic life by providing jobs and the infrastructure that healthy communities need to thrive and businesses need to grow.

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Town of Bonavista write to John McCallum, the Minister Responsible for Canada Post and request that the federal government instruct Canada Post:

1. To stop the closure of the mail sorting plant in Quebec City and proposed closures in other locations.
2. To consult with the public, postal unions and other major stakeholders to develop a uniform and democratic process for making changes to the Canada Post's network.
3. To maintain, expand and improve our public postal network.