

**Excerpt from the minutes of a meeting  
of the Executive Board  
of *Solidarité rurale du Québec*  
held in Nicolet on June 7, 2006**

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*Rural mail delivery is a very important issue for Solidarité rurale du Québec. For people with limited mobility and senior citizens with decreasing independence, for example, rural mail delivery is a part of their quality of life that will disappear if the local services they normally can access are discontinued.*

**Therefore,**

**WHEREAS** rural development has been a concern for *Solidarité rurale du Québec* since 1991 and that, as such, our organization has a duty to respond to any government decision that may potentially impact rural development or the future of small communities;

**WHEREAS** residents in certain rural areas of Canada no longer receive or have been advised they will no longer receive their mail in their rural mail boxes, and given that mail distribution in rural areas of Canada is deemed to be an essential service;

**WHEREAS** this situation is creating concern and uncertainty about the future of this service and reducing this service will hurt rural residents, especially our senior and differently-abled citizens;

**WHEREAS** Canada Post is contemplating changes to its practices on a limited number of distribution routes because of health and safety concerns regarding employees who are delivering mail on these routes, and given that these changes could eventually extend to all rural delivery services;

**It is MOVED by Mr. Bernard Lacroix, SECONDED by Mr. Jean-Guy Rioux, and UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED**

**to ask Canada Post** to ensure that any solution to rural mail delivery problems in no way affect the quality of the service or the manner in which it is currently provided to rural Canadians.

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