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Canada Post Workers Have Walked Off The Job

After Controversial Changes Announced

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USPA NEWS - Canada Post employees have gone on strike in response to the federal government's announcement of comprehensive changes to the Crown corporation.
Late Thursday, a handwritten sign at a Halifax postal outlet read “Canada Post on Strike. Not accepting parcels and letters.”

Representing Canada Post employees, the Canadian Union of Postal Workers has confirmed an immediate nationwide strike by its members, following a series of labour unrest incidents in recent years.

Following the government's recent revelation, Canada Post has been granted permission to permanently discontinue door-to-door mail delivery, effectively opening the door for all households to adopt community mailbox delivery. Moreover, the corporation is considering post office closures as a means to achieve cost savings.

The federal government intends to adopt all recommendations presented in the Industrial Inquiry Commission's report on Canada Post, including the proposed implementation of more community mailboxes. This adjustment to mail delivery is projected to extend the average delivery timeframe for letter mail from three to four days to three to seven days.

The commission further recommended revisions to Canada Post's collective agreement to permit the Crown corporation to employ part-time employees on weekends to support weekday operations.

Citing declining letter mail volumes and Canada Post's modest share of the parcel market, the federal government contends that these changes are necessary. It maintains that Canada Post needs these changes to ensure financial sustainability and provide a reliable service.

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