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### **Canada Post Rotating Strikes Move to 10 New Cities**

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The Canadian Union of Postal Workers (CUPW) began 24-hour strikes starting last night in the following areas:

- Corner Brook, N.L.
- Fredericton, N.B.
- Cape Breton Island area, N.S. (including North Sydney, Sydney Mines, Glace Bay and New Waterford)
- Sherbrooke, Que.
- Trois-Rivières, Que. and area
- Cornwall, Ont.
- Niagara Falls, Ont.
- Windsor, Ont.
- Regina, Sask.
- Nanaimo, B.C.

The CUPW was also on a 48-hour strike over the weekend in Red Deer, Alberta which ended last night. Operations in Red Deer resumed this morning.

Starting today, Canada Post reduced the hours for uniformed, urban letter carriers down to 3 days per week. Processing will remain the same and EMS and Air Parcels will continue to be delivered five days per week. However, Letter Carrier routes will go to 3 days a week; pubs will be delivered 3 days a week by Letter Carriers. According to the Canada Post, a number of services will not be affected by this cutback:

- Delivery of mail to rural mailboxes and community mailboxes will continue five days a week where service is provided by Rural and Suburban Mail Carriers (RSMCs) who operate under a separate collective agreement than urban employees.
- Post Office operating hours and access to post office boxes will remain unchanged.
- Pick-ups from qualified customers and mail collection at street letter boxes on major streets will continue as usual.
- Delivery of all parcels will continue as usual.

The rotating strikes so far have reportedly had minimal impact on service; delays of 1 to 2 days can be expected depending on the destination. The USPS has indicated that it will continue to accept, process and deliver mail to Canada until further notice. Brokers Worldwide continues to work closely with the USPS to monitor this situation, and will provide our customers with updates as they become available.

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