

# Postal workers rally against cutbacks

Postal workers across HRM rally at the Almon Street Canada Post office to protest door-to-door mail delivery cuts.

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A group of 50 or more postal workers and supporters turned out to the 7:30A.M. rally. (Photo: Heather Brimicombe)

Bicycle horns, whistles and bull horns in tow, Canada Post workers rallied against door-to-door mail delivery cuts this morning.

Canada Post announced on Dec. 11 it would be eliminate door-to-door mail service and increase stamp prices. The Canadian Postal Workers Union began mobilizing shortly after the announcement and held a rally today to protest the service cutbacks.

“This is the first step of a much longer campaign,” said Kyle Buott, the president of the Halifax Dartmouth District Labour Council.

The action was to raise awareness of the people who will be affected by the cuts. The last labour disruption at Canada Post occurred in 2011 when the corporation locked out 50,000 workers.

“We’ve been getting a steady amount of calls at the office from the public,” said Tony Rogers, president of the chapter of the Canadian Postal Workers Union that oversees postal workers in Halifax.

Despite the -10 C weather around 50 supporters showed up to raise awareness.

“Our hope is to open a dialogue with the public,” said Rogers.

In the HRM alone there are approximately 700 postal workers.

Rogers says at least 100 jobs will be lost in the HRM and approximately 8,000 to 10,000 jobs across Canada due to the cutbacks.

“Canada Post is not losing money,” said Rogers.

The next step in the union’s action plan to prevent the cutbacks and promote conversation among the public will be a community-labour coalition meeting on Feb. 6 at 3700 Kempt Rd to plan further action around the issue.

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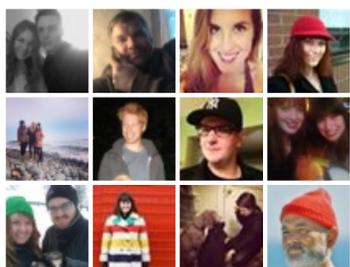
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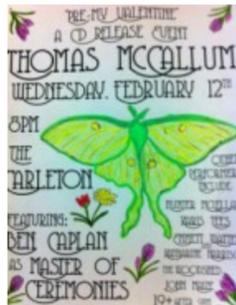
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