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Vellacott applauds Publications Assistance Program

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OTTAWA – Canada’s Conservative Government has given Canada Post a directive to maintain its \$15 million contribution to the Publications Assistance Program. The Publications Assistance Program (PAP) supports almost 1,200 Canadian magazines and non-daily newspapers by funding a portion of their mailing costs for delivery in Canada through Canada Post.

The decision by Canada Post to cut its contribution, resulting in mailing cost increases, impacts Canadian publications and information sources in rural Canada. This has been of great concern to Canada’s New Government – Ministers Oda and Cannon have been working to find a solution.

Saskatoon-Wanuskewin Conservative MP, Maurice Vellacott, says, “Canada’s Conservative Government recognizes the importance of these publications to rural regions where alternative sources of information don’t exist.”

Vellacott went on to say, “Maintaining the \$15 million Canada Post contribution will ensure Canadians continue to have access to publications that have high levels of Canadian content and which reflect the diversity of Canadian communities.”

Vellacott concluded, “The postal system is an important means of distributing Canadian cultural content. Government support for the delivery of magazines and newspapers in Canada goes back to 1849.”

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