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Interim Chair appointed to Canada Post Board of Directors

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OTTAWA – Today, Minister Cannon appointed Mr. Donald Woodley as interim Chair on the board of directors of the Canada Post Corporation for a period of 90 days.

The Government will begin a search shortly to fill the position of Chair on the board of directors of the Canada Post Corporation.

Saskatoon-Wanuskewin MP Maurice Vellacott says, “Mr. Woodley has been quickly appointed as Interim Chair to ensure continuity of leadership of an important Crown corporation that touches the lives of most Canadians.”

Vellacott says his understanding is that Mr. Feeney resigned as Chair on his own accord and for his own reasons.

Mr. Feeney has suggested that the Minister’s dealings with Canada Post have not respected this Government’s objectives of transparency and accountability. Vellacott rebuts Feeney’s suggestion by saying, “There has been transparency and accountability on the part of Minister Cannon in respect to Canada Post dealings. The evidence for that is clear in that two directives were tabled, in the House of Commons, in December 2006, directing Canada Post to restore traditional rural mail delivery and to make an additional two-year commitment in support of the Publications Assistance Program.”

Vellacott says these were two vital service components in his urban-rural constituency that he pressed the Minister to take action on.

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