



July 19, 2022

The Honourable Filomena Tassi, P.C., M.P.
Minister responsible for Canada Post
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
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Dear Minister Tassi:

I am writing to you in my capacity as the Member of the Legislative Assembly of Nunavut representing the constituency of Tununig.

I wish to take this opportunity to draw your attention to the attached excerpts from the Legislative Assembly's *Hansards* of March 8, 2022, and March 18, 2022. As you will note, I raised a number of concerns regarding the harms caused by drugs and alcohol. In my constituency.

Information published by the Royal Canadian Mounted Police indicates that:

"During the month of June [of 2022], the Pond Inlet RCMP detachment responded to 172 calls for service. There were 121 calls where alcohol or drugs were a factor in the incident; 70% of the calls. RCMP members continue to collect information pertaining to the illegal import, sale and use of alcohol within the community."

As you are aware, Canada Post's *Indigenous and Northern Reconciliation Strategy* indicates that one of its four key pillars is to:

"... collaborate with community leaders and local Indigenous law enforcement to ensure that we serve these communities safely. This includes working to reduce the non-mailable matter, such as alcohol and illicit drugs, that enter these communities."

I encourage the corporation to work with appropriate partners to address the issues that I raised during my recent interventions, and I ask that your reply to my correspondence provide a detailed update on the status of this important work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nutarak".

Karen Nutarak, MLA
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Dear Ms. Nutarak:

I am writing in response to your July 19, 2022 letter and enclosures, which were copied to Mr. Doug Ettinger, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Ms. Suromitra Sanatani, Chair of the Board of Directors at Canada Post highlighting the Corporation's role in mitigating the movement of alcohol and illicit substances within your constituency. As Chief Operating Officer, I oversee all aspects of our day-to-day operations and, as such, Mr. Ettinger and Ms. Sanatani have entrusted your correspondence to me for reply.

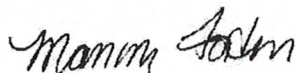
We recognize the residents of Pond Inlet are uniquely dependent on Canada Post, and we are committed to doing everything within our purview to reduce the flow of contraband into the community. Our Postal Inspectors have been working closely with the RCMP detachment in Nunavut, including Pond Inlet, and exchanging intelligence toward further disrupting the movement of alcohol and illicit substances into this region.

All mail for Pond Inlet transits through our Montréal processing plant where it could be subject to a regulatory inspection of mail. This year, our Postal inspectors have thus far identified 42 mail items containing non-mailable matter destined to Pond Inlet. Our Postal Inspectors and Security and Investigation Services (S&IS) team are working closely with the RCMP detachment in Pond Inlet to further support our interdictions of alcohol and illicit substances in the mail stream.

Although we remain vigilant in overseeing our network, our vision is to collaborate on multiple checkpoints in transit from end-to-end. As an added measure, we are coaching our post office staff to identify and return to Postal Inspectors any suspicious items for review and examination. We are also connecting with airlines providing cargo service in an effort to support their own mail screening.

Ms. Nutarak, Canada Post will always remain open and responsive to any feedback or collaboration toward reducing harmful substances in the mailstream and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of those Indigenous communities we serve. Please be assured Mr. Dale LeClair, Director of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, remains available to continue this discussion with you – Dale can be reached at 343-549-2725 or by email at dale.leclair@canadapost.ca. Thank you for engaging with us on this critical issue.

Yours sincerely,



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Chief Operating Officer