

Another rural post office goes

Fournier post office will close soon

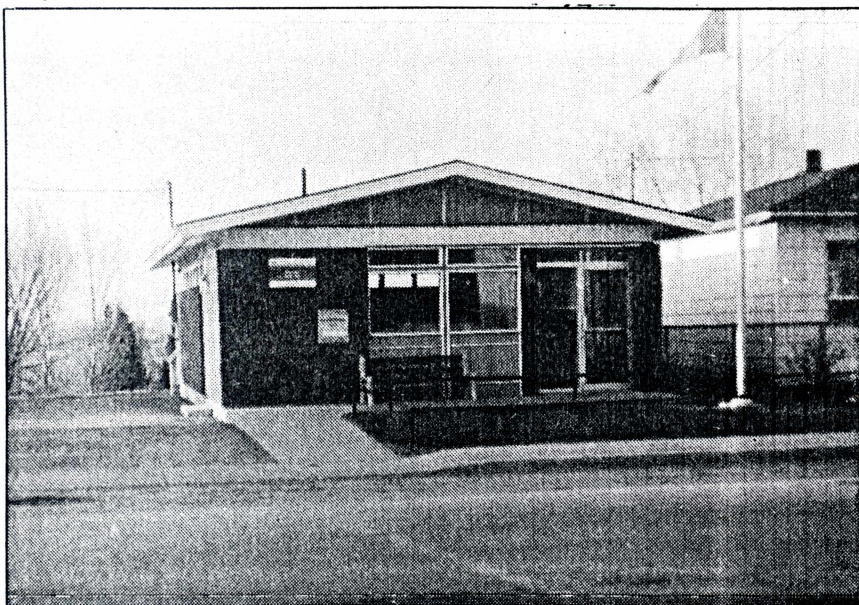
by Holly Meyer

FOURNIER — The post office in Fournier will soon close and postal service will be moved to a local business interested in taking over responsibility of postal services.

Laszlo Szabo of Canada Post told the Review Tuesday that once a Post Master retires, Canada Post carries out a review of the post office. He said they are always looking for more access to the post office, in a more cost efficient way.

local business. He said that retail postal services allows longer hours for customers to pick up their mail. They are currently looking for the most central location, good parking, and good access.

Canada Post is accepting applications from businesses interested in offering retail postal services. An announcement will be made at the end of June, Szabo said, letting people know where the retail postal service will be



(photo by R. Constantineau)

Canada Post is closing the Fournier post office and will be moving services to a retail postal outlet in town. Canada Post is currently reviewing applications submitted by local businesses interested in offering the service. An announcement will be made at the end of June indicating what business will hold the retail postal service.

“Canada Post is looking at interested local businesses,” Szabo said.

Szabo said the residents of Fournier were advised March 20 of the possible changes and that a review would be made on the present post office. A public meeting was held in April.

The Post Master of the Fournier post office retired last August. A temporary Post Master has been filling the position, until the review is completed.

According to Szabo, Canada Post has already received applications from

located.

Szabo said retail postal services work well for Canada Post, as well as for the local business that takes over the service. He said, “Often these businesses are opened six or seven days a week and they have longer hours, making it more convenient for customers. It also increases business for the local business and it is cost efficient for Canada Post.” He added, “It is financially good for both sides and it keeps postal rates low.”