

# Decision to sell Post Office building rests with Ottawa, not Public Works

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of that community, the meeting place for people.

"Dismantling all small rural post offices, in my view, adds to Mulroney's terrible performance on Canadian unity," he said.

Public Works Canada owns the building in which the Terrace Bay Post Office is situated and has decided that it no longer has a use for the facility.

"It's costing us money and we really can't continue to maintain it," said Greg Gaudet, communications officer with Public Works.

Canada Post has stated that they will remain in the building if a suitable lease can be arranged with the new owners.

If that cannot be arranged Canada Post will service Terrace Bay through a retail outlet.

When Public Works Canada decides that it no longer needs a facility it checks with other federal departments to see if they have a need.

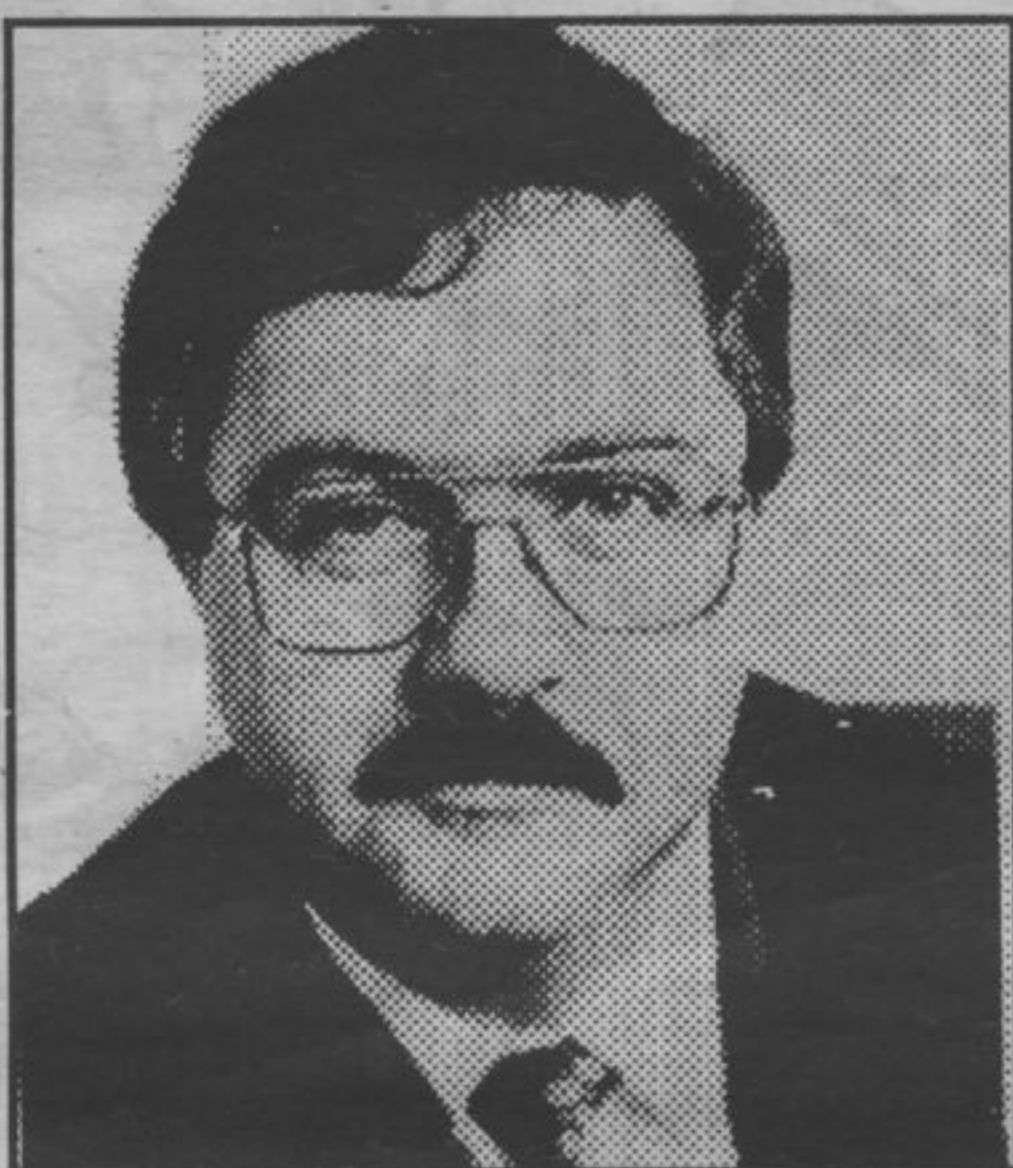
If that is not the case Public Works approaches the province and then the municipality.

Every federally owned building that is 40 years or older must also undergo a heritage review to evaluate its historical and architectural merit.

The Terrace Bay Post Office is currently under this evaluation said Gaudet.

He said other federal departments have been approached about the Terrace Bay building and have shown no interest.

"I believe at this point we



Reginald Belair, M.P. Cochrane/Superior are in negotiations with the provinces."

Gaudet said there has been no decision yet on whether or not to sell the building.

"I should stress here," he told the News, "that we [Public Works] are not the ones who make the decision as to whether the building is sold.

We make the recommendation based on negotiations."

When asked who ultimately makes the decision Gaudet said "it would go to Ottawa - to the Treasury Board."

Since 1986, 306 post offices have been switched to retail outlets, 171 have closed completely and another 300 are under review. Terrace Bay is one of the n.

Belair is aware of the petition to stop the sale of the building and will present it in the House.

"I will make sure the government is aware that what they are doing is wrong," he said.

Some Progressive Conservative Members have recently started to present petitions in the House because of post office closures in their own ridings, Belair said.

"Yet Mulroney and Harve Andre especially, who is in charge of Canada Post, do not seem to listen at all."

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Pouliot said minerals are a finite resource and new mines must be searched for on a continuous basis to preserve the industry and ensure its future.

"Nothing in mining is more important than exploration. It is at the very core of the industry."

Where investors will choose to put their limited amount of money varies so exploration must be encouraged, he continued.

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Pouliot arrived in Terrace Bay Monday evening, Feb 4, and flew to Thunder Bay the next morning.

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