

# The Bulletin

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## PostNord to End Letter Delivery in Denmark

From APS News 3/6/2025

Denmark collectors, your album is about to reach a definitive end. The state postal service of Denmark, PostNord, has announced it will cease handling letters in Denmark at the end of 2025 "to focus on becoming the Danes' favorite parcel delivery service." The cut in service is tied to a reported 90% decline in letter volumes since 2000.

Postnord has also announced that any postage stamps bought in 2024 or after could be refunded for a limited time in 2026, presumably marking the end of the country's stamp issues.

Denmark's Transport Minister, Thomas Danielsen, told Danes concerned about the future of their mail that "a free market" would ensure they could still send letters, just not through a national postal service. This would mark the true end of universal postal service in the country, which officially ended in 2023.

The cuts will also result in layoffs at PostNord in Denmark, reportedly 1,500 employees from a workforce of 4,600.

"It's a super sad day. Not just for our department, but for the 1,500 who face an uncertain future," employee Anders Raun Mikkelsen told Danish broadcaster DR.



An increase in use of digital communication is largely cited as the reason for the decline in number of letters sent in the country. However, Denmark's Postal Act of 2024 also allowed private firms to enter the postal arena, and inland letters are no longer exempt from value-added tax, or VAT, meaning that a letter cost Danes 29 krone (\$4.20) to send.

The BBC reports that the decision will have the largest impact on elderly Danes, who are least likely to have adopted digital methods of communication.

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### Upcoming Meetings

Saugeen Stamp Club  
Tues April 1

Kincardine Stamp Club  
Wed April 2

Owen Sound Stamp Club  
Zoom Auction Wed Apr 2  
Zoom Mtg Thurs Apr 10  
Sat April 19

Guelph Stamp Club  
Wed April 2  
Wed April 16

KW Philatelic Society  
Thurs April 10

Oxford Zoom Auction  
Fri April 4  
Fri April 18

LASO Zoom Meeting  
Tues April 15

Check with the club  
before going to its  
meeting.

### ONE PAGE

### EXHIBITS

**THESE WILL CONTINUE  
AND BE VOTED ON**

**IT WILL BE A PAGE OF  
THE EXHIBITOR'S  
CHOICE OF TOPIC**

**THIS IS A GOOD WAY TO  
HONE YOUR SKILL**

## ***Message from the President – Walt Berry***

### **Greetings!!**

And welcome to SPRING (hopefully soon) I believe everyone has had enough of the cold and snow for this year - as most of us have been confined to staying home to keep warm and safe. The weather has not been kind to our meeting schedule— even changing the regular Tuesday evening meeting to three Saturdays. The March 1st meeting experienced a bit of hiccup with access to the venue, but once resolved members stepped up to arrange the tables to get the meeting underway. **Thank you for your patience and understanding.**

**The April meeting is back to the regular Tuesday evening.**

The topic of our single page challenge was raised and discussed whether we should continue with the opportunity for members to create the one page exhibit. The decision made was that any member may submit a page on any topic and display for members to see your collecting interests.

Member Rose (show chairperson) updated the preparations for the annual show, being held in the Clifford Community Hall on May 3rd. Five dealers will be in attendance - with a wide variety of material to add to your collection. The crew from the local United church will provide lunch “for a free will donation”

Please provide Rose with your needs for frames, attendance, door prizes etc. I am sure she will be around to tap everyone for the information.

**The meeting date for April is Tuesday April 1st. Time 6:30**

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"There are many who are very dependent on letters being delivered regularly. These include hospital appointments, vaccinations or decisions regarding home care," Marlene Rishoj Cordes, from Aeldre Sagen (DaneAge) told Denmark's TV2.

Exceptions were previously made for populations in remote areas and with vision impairment, but PostNord's statement does not suggest that will be the case again. The statement also does not directly say whether letters can be sent from other countries to Denmark; however, at this time we can only infer that international letters will not be accepted or distributed.

PostNord's statement notes that the decision does not affect its mail business in Sweden, where they are still required by law to provide universal postal service. This statement is a strong data point for those who oppose privatization of the mail in any country; where universal postal service is required by law, it remains as a public service for the public good. When those laws are stripped away, as it is rumored they may be in the U.S., the elderly, the disabled, and yes, philatelists, will pay the price.

## An Opinion Piece by Anonymous

The recent CUPE strike with picket lines reminded me that the postal workers (CUPW) are still without a new contract. Among other things they want a raise. I understand that they say this was/is not the main reason for the strike but it still is in the list of requests. The post office says they are not good financially, hence the very large recent increase in the cost of postage. If more stamps were sold maybe the post office could at least break even or better yet make a profit. That profit could then be shared with the postal employees. But part of the blame for the lost revenue lies on the shoulders of the postal workers that are responsible for getting the stamps cancelled.

One of the main reasons for the loss of revenue with the post office, in my opinion, is that they do not sell enough stamps. And why is that you might ask? Yes, with the advent of email and messaging there is an easier and more immediate way to contact others but there are still reasons to mail items. During Covid the use of the post office did or almost did stop. This increased the use of couriers which unfortunately continued after the lock down was lifted. This leads me to the most likely third reason for the post office's loss in revenue, reusing uncancelled stamps. This is not a new practice but is gaining greater use as the cost of postage goes up. There is much discussion on whether or not it is ethical (especially for stamp collectors) to reuse uncancelled postage stamps. Of course it is illegal but if they can be easily recovered there are many who will take advantage of this.

Probably about 80% of my stamped mail received is uncancelled. If they are not cancelled then, shame me if you will, I will reuse them. I mailed a parcel one time that cost almost \$20.00 in stamps and maybe half of them were reused and half mint but bought at a discount. The parcel arrived with not one stamp cancelled. I got those stamps back and maybe I will reuse them again.

I am not alone in reusing uncancelled stamps. I would not even try to hazard a guess on how many stamps going through the post office are reused, but I would say there are more than a few.

If 80% of mail processed goes uncancelled and if only 10% of those get used again that is 8% of all postage sold. This is therefore a huge loss in revenue for the post office. One website says that in 2022 Canada Post delivered 8.4 billion items of mail. If you calculate using only \$1.00 per item then that would be 8.4 billion dollars. 8% of 8.4 billion is 672 million dollars in lost sales. And I am sure that the average cost per item was higher than \$1.00.

I know that by reusing stamps the post office losses money on an otherwise sale of a stamp. What it comes down to is that the postal workers need to do a better job, right from inside places like Gateway to one person postal outlets. I once had a discussion with a postal clerk in one of those one person postal outlets about the uncancelled stamps. She told me she didn't know what to do about it. She had already been asked by a stamp collector to please not pen cancel the stamps since it ruins the stamps for collectors. I told her if she wanted to cancel the stamps so they couldn't be used again she should just cancel them with her cancel she had in her outlet. When she queried about an outgoing cancel being used on incoming mail, my response was that it may only be noticed in 50 years or more by a stamp collector looking for specific cancels. To my knowledge she still cancels incoming mail that is uncancelled this way because she wants to be diligent in her job.

Don't get me wrong. I know the not all postal workers do a poor job. Some do their job with effort and pride and those I doff my hat to. It is, and it is common in most companies, that only a few employees do a poor job. They feel they are underpaid and therefore don't have to work to earn their paycheque. This is sad but true.

What will happen in the future if the post office cannot increase it's revenue? Will the post office close? Will the cost of postage get so high that it is priced to a point where couriers will be cheaper?

Food for thought.

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