



# Town of Vegreville

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Dear Mesdames and Sirs:

It is one week since Vegreville received the shocking news that the Case Processing Centre would be relocated to Edmonton in 2018. This news is devastating to our community, as our largest employer provides quality employment to many citizens who have chosen to make Vegreville their home.

In the past week I've heard statements in the press and in Question Period that concern me. Relocating immigration form processing from Vegreville to Edmonton might seem on paper to be an easy transition from an operational and business perspective given its proximity of 100 kilometres. However, I assert playing chess with office space and federal employees erodes the ability for Canadians to choose to live and work outside of large urban centres and will cost every Canadian far more.

Many employees of CPC Vegreville are local residents who completed post-secondary and returned to their community to live, work, and play, providing the vital engaged citizenry every community needs to support their cultural, social, and sporting efforts. Many other CPC employees have chosen to relocate to Vegreville from all over Canada, recognizing the quality of life that small towns afford their residents: the capacity to actively engage their families in the community, know their neighbours, and receive great value for their housing and entertainment dollar. People do not end up by accident in Vegreville: it is a deliberate decision that many, including my family, select.

The Town of Vegreville was not officially informed about the decision Citizenship and Immigration made to relocate the largest employer in our community. Council and administration were contacted by friends and neighbours who felt that the municipality should be aware and involved in this monumental change in our local economy. I ask that Citizenship and Immigration and Public Services and Procurement officials contact the Town of Vegreville to resolve the supposed issues that have now been provided as justification for relocating the Case Processing Centre.

As a regional hub, Vegreville, provides policing, healthcare, business, trade, education, and recreational opportunities for up to 40, 000 people. Similarly, our community has the capacity to collaborate and find innovative solutions to challenges because we have a network of support and information upon which to draw. I urge you to reconsider this ill informed decision to relocate CPC Vegreville from our community and decimate our regional economy by removing 10% of our working population and causing far reaching economic and social hardship.

Kind regards,

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