

December 1, 2016

To whom it may concern;

RE: Case Processing Centre (CPC) relocation

The closure of the CPC in our opinion will be devastating to the town of Vegreville and the real estate market for Vegreville and area. The social and financial cost of relocating it from our town would be felt for years to come.

With the removal of 280 jobs (approximately 10% of our entire workforce) from our town, there certainly will be a financial effect that will reverberate for years to come. More homes will be listed on top of the record amount of homes already for sale. Prices which are already trending lower because of job losses and extra inventory will undoubtedly continue to decline due to the economic climate. With values of property plummeting, equity will disappear quickly, punishing owners that have decided to invest in our community. With the economy being distressed already, hotels, restaurants, retail, and businesses will suffer from fewer customers supporting them. What has been sold as "a good business decision" will come at what cost? This decision by the government of Canada could be the difference between businesses surviving or their demise.

CPC and staff have become an employer of choice, as well as partners in many community organizations and volunteer boards. With the exodus of CPC, there will be large holes left in the fabric of Vegreville as well as repercussions that will resonate through our schools, businesses, and families that will be difficult to repair.

Rural Alberta is a great place to live and do business and should continue to be supported. We join the outcry of Vegreville to change the decision to move the CPC and stop this destructive move.

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