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TOWN OF VEGREVILLE

Honourable Ahmed D. Hussen MP
Minister of Immigration, Refugees & Citizenship
365 Laurier Avenue West
Ottawa, Ontario
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Dear Honourable Minister:

Re: Closure of the Case Processing Centre in Vegreville

Congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship.

It's a devastating decision that the Federal Government has announced the eventual closure of the Case Processing Centre in Vegreville, Alberta.

This would have a devastating impact on the Town of Vegreville, the County of Minburn and surrounding area. The 280 employees forced to leave or quit their jobs because of this bureaucratic move are minor when the entire community impact is examined. These employees have spouses, children, and relatives who are vital to the continued success and growth of both the Town of Vegreville and the County of Minburn. The announcement of the closure was done without holding consultations and has devastated our community. This decision by the Federal Government will force the loss of retailers, businesses, churches, schools, community clubs, societies, and cripple our rural community.

Our Council is expressing its deep concern that we are losing one of the community's largest employers. Council requests a business case from your office as to why closure of the Case Processing Centre is being considered.

Council looks forward to hearing from you on this very pressing matter.

Sincerely,

Roger Konieczny, Reeve

- c: Councillors
- c: David Marynowich, County Manager
- c: Mayor Myron Hayduk and Town Council
- c: Jessica Littlewood, MLA, Fort Saskatchewan-Vegreville Constituency
- c: Dr. Richard Starke, MLA, Vermilion-Lloydminster Constituency
- c: MP Shannon Stubbs