

STOP THE CLOSURE OF THE VEGREVILLE CPC

Responding to government concerns about the facility and costs

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The facility needs significant improvements - *False*

- Significant renovations have been made to the Vegreville CPC:
 - 2007 high quality carpet with life time guarantee was installed.
 - 2008/2009 upgrades to HVAC system \$23,497.
 - 2010/2011 renovations and upgrades costing \$693,745 included paint, electrical & mechanical upgrades.
 - In 2015/16 another \$207,649 in upgrades were made to the building, including \$30,000 in security enhancements.
- All maintenance tickets or concerns with the facility have been addressed.
- The facility has been maintained to meet all federal occupational health and safety standards for federal employees.
- There is room to expand the current Vegreville CPC to accommodate more workers.
- However, the average number of workers at the facility over the past five years has been 225-230 exactly the current number of workers.

Moving the CPC will save money - *False*

- It is hard to accept the government's claim that it is spending money wisely by closing the Vegreville CPC.
- Lease costs in Vegreville are NOT the same as downtown Edmonton – they are considerably lower.
- In fact, commercial space in downtown Edmonton is 2.5 times more expensive than the current CPC lease.
- Even the discounted rent the government pays for Canada Place is – at best – equivalent to the current lease costs for the Vegreville CPC.
- In addition, the government will be paying the lease at the current CPC facility until 2019 which means the government is doubling spending for office rent.
- The government has also not provided any costs for any tenant improvements.
- We have not seen an estimate for the costs of removing and shipping equipment from Vegreville to Edmonton.
- There will also be additional costs associated with relocating staff to Edmonton.
- There will be costs to recruit and train new employees needed to replace those employees who choose to not move.

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The closure of the Case Processing Centre in Vegreville will have devastating effects on our community. Help us reverse this decision!