

STOP THE CLOSURE OF THE VEGREVILLE CPC

Facts about impacts of the CPC Closure

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Nichol's Applied Management Socio-Economic Impact Report

A socio-economic report commissioned by the Town of Vegreville shows that the closure of the Case Processing Centre by the Federal Government means the community would suffer a permanent drop in population, lower property values and even higher unemployment.

Key findings:

- The community could lose up to 420 people, a drop of approximately 7.3% of the population.
- Local unemployment rate could double from the current estimate of 8% to nearly 16%.
- Losing such a large swath of the working age population and their families will further shift the Town's population to residents aged 60 and over.
- A steep reduction in home prices in the order of 30% - on top of the 17% drop in value from 2014 to 2016.
- Moving 9% of the Town's labour force (236 positions) to Edmonton means the loss of approximately \$15.9 million of GDP and \$14.5 million of labour income.
- A loss of approximately \$1.2 million in municipal revenues annually (almost 15% of 2016 tax assessment).
- Losing up to four classes (130 students) from locals schools.
- 2015-16 saw the fewest departures from CPC employees in the last 4 years.

Impact to Workers

- Workers have a difficult choice – leave the community where they have chosen to live and raise a family or seek other employment.
- Commuting to Edmonton comes at a real cost:
 - 102 Km from Vegreville to Edmonton - average time to commute 1 hour and 20 minutes
 - 204 km per day/5 days a week = 1,020 km/week
 - More travel means a larger carbon footprint
 - Increased costs for vehicle repairs and gas
 - Parking costs in downtown Edmonton are \$250-400 month
 - Increased child care cost
 - Net loss in wages on average (deduct parking, gas, vehicle repairs, extra day care etc.)
 - 3hrs travel per day/5 days a week = 15 hrs/week
 - Lack of quality of life by not spending those lost hours with family
- If a staff member chooses to move there is also a cost:
 - Average home in Vegreville is \$249,725 and the average home in Edmonton is \$365,892.

1. Call Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen @ 613.954.1064
2. Write a letter or send an e-mail to Minister Hussen Ahmed.Hussen@parl.gc.ca

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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!