

STOP THE CLOSURE OF THE VEGREVILLE CPC

Facts about the staff

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The Workforce

- The Vegreville Case Processing Centre (CPC) is the largest employer in our community.
- There are currently 228 employees at the Vegreville CPC.
- Last year the Vegreville CPC had 274 employees - the highest number of employees over the past four years.
- 74% of the workers are female.
- Wages for employees at the centre range from \$38,717 annually for an entry level administrative position up to \$62,794 annually for some managers.
- Average salary is \$50,277.32.
- The average age of workers at the centre is just under 45 years old.
- 87% have been employed at the Vegreville CPC less than 10 years.
- Almost 50% of staff have been employed less than 2 years.
- Average age of new employees is under 30 years old.
- Vast majority of new hires are casual instead of full time permanent employees.
- Increasingly hiring staff from outside the existing public service.
- 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!