

STOP THE CLOSURE OF THE VEGREVILLE CPC

Responding to government's support for urban vs. rural Canada

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Government is choosing to support urban over rural communities

- The rationale provided by the IRCC for moving the CPC suggested that Edmonton made more sense for the Centre, since the proximity to universities, the availability of public transit and housing options, and career growth opportunities within the federal government were readily available.
- If this is the criteria used by the federal government for locating staff, every federal office currently in rural Canada is vulnerable.
- It is hard to understand how any of these criteria are critical to the future of the CPC.
- Few communities below 15,000-20,000 would be able to boast post-secondary institutes or public transit.
- The vast majority of the positions at the CPC are administrative and if staff desire to upgrade skills many post-secondary institutions offer distance learning for staff.
- With respect to public transit, the public does not directly access the services offered at the CPC so this should not be a primary concern.
- Housing of all types are cheaper in Vegreville which makes it easier for CPC staff to afford a home.

A commitment to rural Canada

"We need that to make sure that local needs are acknowledged, that local priorities are acted on, and that the federal government is held to its responsibilities, financial and otherwise."

"It's time to build stronger, more resilient communities. To invest in high-quality, well-paying jobs. To make sure that we're ready for whatever challenges lie ahead."

- Prime Minister Trudeau, Speech to FCM, June 10, 2015

"...strengthen our communities by investing in the things that make them good places to live."

- Liberal 2015 Campaign platform

"...at the same time there are communities in rural and remote areas across the country who need to continue to, to be able to be successful. So getting that balance right is really, really important."

"..so getting that balance right within the existing structure simply means a lot more collaboration, cooperation and respect."

- Prime Minister Trudeau
Maclean's Town Hall, December 16, 2015

1. Call Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen @ 613.954.1064
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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!