

June 26, 2017

His Worship Myron Hayduk
Mayor
Town of Vegreville
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Dear Mayor Hayduk:

Thank you for your ongoing advocacy with regard to the Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Case Processing Centre (CPC) in Vegreville. As you know, our government has expressed deep concern with the Government of Canada's decision to close the CPC and has repeatedly asked the federal minister to reconsider this decision.

We know that the loss of 280 jobs at the CPC would be not only difficult for these workers and their families, but would impact the schools, businesses and the community as a whole. We strongly believe these Albertans should have the choice to stay in their community and raise their family. This decision denies 280 families that choice.

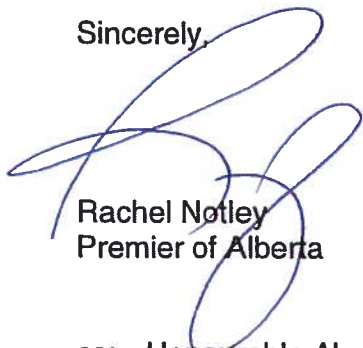
Following our recent meeting to discuss ideas on how to keep the centre in Vegreville and increase its viability in the eyes of the federal government, Alberta Labour will provide the following in support of retaining the CPC in Vegreville:

- Labour attraction and retention supports to facilitate connections with labour pools in Vegreville and nearby communities.
- Exploring partnerships with post-secondary institutions to help develop a sustainable source of workers for the Vegreville CPC.

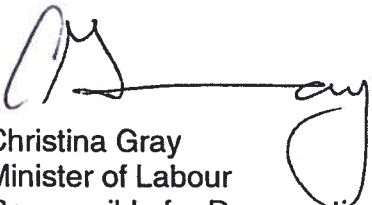
Further, the Government of Alberta is open to exploring with the Government of Canada the possibility of seconding Alberta Public Service employees to the Vegreville CPC. Ms. Maryann Everett, Assistant Deputy Minister, Workforce Strategies in Alberta Labour will be your main point of contact for more information on these and other labour market supports; she can be reached at 780-422-9493 (toll-free by first dialing 310-0000).

Please know that the Government of Alberta supports the Town of Vegreville in advocating for the CPC to remain in Vegreville.

Sincerely,



Rachel Notley
Premier of Alberta



Christina Gray
Minister of Labour
Responsible for Democratic Renewal

cc: Honourable Ahmed Hussen
Minister of Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship

Shannon Stubbs
Member of Parliament for Lakeland

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