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### ***Vegreville statement on anniversary of CPC Closure announcement***

*Vegreville* – “One year ago on October 27 the federal government announced it was closing the Case Processing Centre after 23 years in our community. With the stroke of a pen, the federal government eliminated almost 10% of our community’s working population and moved over 230 jobs to Edmonton.

To this day it is hard for residents to understand how the federal government would make this decision without a detailed business case, no economic impact assessment, and no consultation with residents.

Our community has submitted repeated pleas to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau; Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Minister Ahmed Hussen; and Infrastructure Minister Amarjeet Sohi.

Many have joined with us in our cause including our MP Shannon Stubbs, local MLA Jessica Littlewood, the Alberta and Canadian Chambers of Commerce as well as the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

Despite all our collective efforts, no one from the federal government has reached out to our community with an offer of assistance to this day - one year after the original announcement.

Since the federal government has refused to discuss any solutions our Town Council has taken the initiative over the past few months and developed a plan with partners who want to work with our community.

Our strength has always been our ability to pull together in the face of adversity. We will continue to fight for our community. Like the previous generations who founded Vegreville, we will work hard to build a better future, to create jobs, drive growth and improve the lives of our residents.”

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