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News Release

Alberta Chambers of Commerce to vote on resolution that #ruralcanadamatters

(Leduc) – The Alberta Chambers of Commerce will consider a policy resolution proposed by the Vegreville business community that requires the federal government establish clear criteria that must be met before closing offices in rural communities.

The Vegreville Chamber of Commerce has submitted the resolution in hopes that the Alberta Chambers will add their support to keep the Case Processing Centre in Vegreville.

If successful the resolution will recommend that the Government of Canada:

1. Direct Public Works and Government Services Canada (PWGSC) establish clear performance criteria for federal facilities in rural communities.
2. Submit an economic impact analysis to PWGSC and consult with impacted communities prior to any decision by a federal department on relocating a federal facility.

“The Federal Government made the decision to relocate our Case Processing Centre to Edmonton without any consultation or understanding of the economic and social impacts on our community” said Mayor Myron Hayduk. “This decision is not fair to the workers or our community and Vegreville wants to ensure the federal government never does this to another town again.”

The Alberta Association of Municipal Districts and Counties recently passed a similar resolution to support Vegreville. In June, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities will also vote on a sponsored resolution regarding Site Selection at their AGM in Ottawa.

The Mayor and Town Council are asking the Prime Minister and the Federal Government to reverse their decision and keep the 230 jobs and the Case Processing Centre in the Town of Vegreville.

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