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Town of Wolseley Wants Answers from Co-op on Sudden Closure

December 21st, 2018 - Gerald Hill, Mayor of the Town of Wolseley, and Council want answers why Hometown Co-op is suddenly closing its operations in Wolseley, leaving people out of work, the community without an Ag and bulk fuel supplier, or informing its members.

Yesterday, on December 20th, the managing director of petroleum operations for Hometown Co-op notified customers that as of 6:00pm on December 21st, all operations at the Wolseley Co-op will cease and the site will be permanently closed.

“Hometown Co-op did not consider its employees who are abruptly out of work mere days before Christmas, nor did it consult with its members about the sudden closure, or communicate with the Town about the sudden loss of service”, said Hill.

“We’re seeing a troubling pattern here where Hometown Co-op is pulling the equity local people have built up, out of small towns like ours, so the Co-op can finance building bigger operations elsewhere”, Hill said adding, “I had someone tell me it’s like breaking open and emptying someone else’s piggy bank just to buy something for yourself”.

The Mayor and Council are requesting a meeting with Hometown Co-op management from their Broadview headquarters to come explain to council, members, and the town why they made such a sudden decision, and what steps might be available to reverse it.

“In tight-knit communities like Wolseley even a few job losses are tough, there’s single parents affected here right before Christmas, its heart-breaking”, added Hill. “But on top of the job losses, we have farmers who no longer have a local bulk fuel or Ag supplier and will need to spend more to get it from further afield, and members who were left completely out of the loop on this disappointing decision”.

The Town Council will keep residents up to date with the situation as it develops.

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