

Letter to the Editor

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Job creation is a key factor in keeping the economy going. The Liberal government would like Islanders to believe that moving the Department of Transportation's body and paint shop to Tignish is rural development. Minister Sheridan and the Liberal government have announced that "it's time to put our shoulders to the wheel", and "we should lead by example." Does leading by example mean spending money we don't have in tough times? With an \$85 million deficit facing us it's hard to believe the government is willing to spend over \$1million on a new facility in Tignish. Moving the body and paint shop to Tignish will cost taxpayers significantly more than keeping the facility in Milton (another rural area). It will waste three times the man power time to transport equipment to and from Tignish, and will keep equipment out of service three times longer! This includes snow plows that will be off the roads longer in winter when equipment breaks down. If you consider that 90% of the equipment the body and paint shop services is located to the East of Charlottetown, in Charlottetown, and no further West than Summerside, then one has to wonder about the logic of moving the body and paint shop to Tignish?

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