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To: Manitoba and Saskatchewan Council Scouters and Members

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Subject: Manitoba Scout Shop and Central Canada Service Centre Operations

Friends in Scouting:

The theme of the 2014 Scouts Canada Leadership Summit was of “One Scouts Canada Growing Together”. There are 20 Councils across the country, many of our challenges are the same, and we have much to gain from the greater sharing of resources and expertise.

We are writing to advise you of changes that are being made to Central Canada Service Centre operations. Scouts Canada, in consultation with our Councils, finds it necessary to close the Manitoba Scout Shop effective Saturday July 12, 2014. Financially the Manitoba Scout Shop has been struggling for a number of years. It is not sustainable to operate a small, satellite operation with the current membership. The Regina Scout Shop will now serve the members in both Saskatchewan and Manitoba Councils or members may choose the online Scout Shop.

A significant portion of the Central Canada Service Centre rent has been paid for by National Retail Services. With the Manitoba Scout Shop closing, the Councils will no longer be able to afford to operate the Service Centre. Sharing the professional expertise of a team that works out of a centralized administrative centre is a more cost-effective approach, and also one that avoids making greater demands on a smaller number of employees. The Central Canada Service Centre in Winnipeg will be closed August 31, 2014. Beginning September 1, 2014, registration, finance, and administrative support and services for the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Councils will be provided by the Prairie Service Centre.

Manitoba and Saskatchewan Council are committed to maintaining an eventually increased the number of Area Support Managers providing support to Areas, Groups and Sections. Manitoba Council is currently completing the hiring process to fill Daryl Wright's position following his retirement. Saskatchewan will continue to be served by Eric Schmitt.

Scouts Canada and the Manitoba and Saskatchewan Councils appreciate your patience as we work through this transition. We will advise you of additional details throughout the coming months. Town halls will be hosted in June. We remain committed to ensuring that you have access to the Scouting resources you need to pursue great, safe Scouting adventures in the coming year at the lowest cost possible.

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