

# AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING TO BE HELD MONDAY SEPTEMBER 11, 2023 @ 6:00 PM COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 10 ST BEAVERLODGE, AB

Microsoft Teams meeting - **Join on your computer, mobile app or room device**<u>Click here to join the meeting</u> Meeting ID: 277 828 911 678 Passcode: HDiUc4

1.0	CALL TO ORDER				
	Town of Beaverlodge's Legislative Meetings are being live streamed effective June				
	12, 2023 via Council resolution #145-2023-05-23				
2.0	LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT	PP 2			
3.0	ADOPTION OF AGENDA				
4.0	DELEGATION				
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5.0	OLD BUSINESS:				
6.0	NEW BUSINESS:				
	6.1 Town Hall Topics and Date				
	6.2 Cold Shot Bus Lines – Letter of Support	PP 3-9			
	6.3 Wounded Warriors Sponsorship Request	PP 10-16			
	6.4 IDP Open House – Sept 21, 2023				
	6.5 Intermunicipal Meeting October 5, 2023 – agenda items				
	6.6 Service Provider Open House – September 14, 2023	PP 17			
	6.7 Doctor Appreciation & Welcome Mixer – November 6, 2023	PP 18			
	6.8 1 <sup>st</sup> Responders Appreciation Event				
	6.9 Firehall Building Committee Update – Councillor Graw				
	6.10 Mountview Health Complex Committee Update – Mayor Rycroft				
	6.11 Community Enhancement Committee Update – Councillor Moulds				
	6.12 Economic Development Committee Update – Councillor Corbett				
7.0	TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA:				
8.0	ADJOURNMENT:				





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His Worship Gary Rycroft Mayor Town of Beaverlodge PO Box 30, Beaverlodge, AB, T0H 0C0

Re: Emergency Rural Bus Line Support

Dear Mr. Rycroft,

We've written the Letter followed to this page to *The Honorable Devin Dreeshen* requesting financial support for Alberta's largest bus line. Our financial situation is dire, and we feel that our company fills a much-needed position in Albert's rural area transportation needs. If you agree please reach out to Mr. Dreeshen's office and lend your support.

I am confident that your voice will make a difference in Mr. Dreeshen's response to our final request.

For any further questions or clarifications, please feel free to contact us on the information provided below.

Thank you.

Regards,

Sunny Balwaria (President)

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This Letter is also CC to the following Mayors of the respective Cities and Towns-

Name	City
His Worship Peter Brown	City of Airdrie
His Worship Bill Daneluik	City of Beaumont
Her Worship Jyoti Gondek	City of Calgary
His Worship Jeff Colvin	City of Chestermere
His Worship Craig Copeland	City of Cold Lake
His Worship Amarjeet Sohi	City of Edmonton
Her Worship Gale Katchur	City of Fort Saskatchewan
Her Worship Jackie Clayton	City of Grande Prairie
His Worship Bob Young	City of Leduc
Her Worship Tanni Doblanko	City of Nisku
His Worship Ken Johnston	City of Red Deer
His Worship Jeff Acker	City of Spruce Grove
Her Worship Catherine Heron	City of St. Albert
His Worship Sandy Bowman	Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo
His Worship Robert Balay	Town of Athabasca
His Worship Gary Rycroft	Town of Beaverlodge
Her Worship Elisa Brosseau	Town of Bonnyville
Her Worship Sheila Gilmour	Town of Fox Creek
His Worship Brian Pamasiuk	Town of High Prairie
Her Worship Elaine Manzer	Town of Peace River
His Worship David McRae	Town of Red Water
His Worship Rod Frank	Town of Sherwood Park
Ms. Francesca Alexandra Ward	Town of Slave Lake
Her Worship Amy Cherniwchan	Town of Smoky Lake
Her Worship Maureen Miller	Town of St. Paul
His Worship William Choy	Town of Stony Plain
His Worship Vern Lymburner	Town of Valleyview
His Worship Ralph Leriger	Town of Westlock
His Worship Tom Pickard	Town of Whitecourt
His Worship Evan Matiasiewich	Village of Nampa

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July 5th, 2023

The Honourable Devin Dreeshen Minister of Transportation and Economic Conditions 127 Legislature Building 10800-97 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Minister Dreeshen:

Re: Emergency rural bus line support

Congratulations on your re-election and your re-appointment to the position of Minister of Transportation and Economic Conditions. Now that the election and cabinet appointments have been completed, I write in response to your letter of January 16 of this year. In it, you indicated that your department is evaluating the 2018 Rural Transportation Pilot Program to determine 'Next Steps' for rural transportation in Alberta. I hope that the intervening six months have been sufficient to assess the situation and identify solutions.

Because, as Alberta's largest rural bus network (and the only major system which is Albertan owned), I bring to your attention the serious threat to Alberta's rural bus services. My company, Cold Shot bus lines, continues to provide bus services to rural Albertans in 24 municipalities in some 65 constituencies. Our operations serve the far reaches of the province—the so-called "milk runs", as opposed to the "cream runs" between larger centres which are operated by major corporations headquartered in Quebec and Saskatchewan. When others were getting awarded funding, cold shot wasn't even got acknowledged by our own Alberta Government.

Despite the massive rise in costs brought on by post-COVID inflation, we continue to provide the best possible service at the best possible prices. Our prices remain stable, but unless we receive support, we will not survive long enough to participate fully in the recovery from COVID—already, we have had to reduce our routes from 11 to 6.

Further, if Alberta's largest rural bus company is allowed to fail, the cost and the effort to replace us will be prohibitive, amounting to the removal of an essential service. How will rural Albertans cope without our service?

According to the Alberta government policies under your predecessor, we are a 'for-profit' enterprise, which justified them in turning down repeated requests for assistance. But for the almost three years where we were not turning a profit—in fact, for two years during COVID, we lost money on every bus which we sent out—we sourced financing to keep providing rural bus services which we have now exhausted.

Therefore, I request that you review your government's policies in light of the damage done by COVID, and the ongoing impact of Inflation.

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If you decide that your government will assist Cold Shot in maintaining services, we would be pleased to cooperate with any form of media announcement that would provide good news for rural Albertans. We would also be willing to post notices in our buses and facilities, apprising our rural customers that, "This bus is operated through the support of the Government of Alberta", or verbiage of your choice.

Thank you for your attention and I would be pleased to meet you in person to discuss a solution to the threat facing rural Albertans.

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Paul McLauchlin, President Rural Municipalities of Alberta 2510 Sparrow Dr, Nisku, AB T9E 8N5 pmclauchlin@RMAlberta.com

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The Honourable Tim Uppal House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0A6 Tim.Uppal@parl.gc.ca

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The Honourable Pierre Poilievre House of Commons Ottawa, Ontario, Canada K1A 0A6 pierre.poilievre@parl.gc.ca



#### TRANSPORTATION AND ECONOMIC CORRIDORS

Office of the Minister MLA, Innisfail-Sylvan Lake

January 16, 2023

AR 92089

Sunny Balwaria Chief Executive Officer and President Cold Shot 11550 – 154 Street Edmonton, AB T5M 3N8

Dear Sunny Balwaria:

Honourable Premier Danielle Smith forwarded your letter of November 28, 2022 alerting the province of the challenges Cold Shot bus lines continues to face in providing bus services to rural Albertans in 67 municipalities in 65 constituencies. As Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors, I am able to provide the following information.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to help rural Albertans meet their transportation needs and improve access to education and health services, and employment opportunities. There is no provincial program to fund private bus companies; however, Transportation and Economic Corridors acknowledges the private intercity busing industry is a critical backbone of the transportation system for individuals who live in rural and remote communities without access to transit options, and who would otherwise be left without access to essential services. In recognizing this, earlier in the year the previous Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors urged the federal government to consider providing greater support for this industry by expanding eligibility under the Rural Transit Solutions Fund.

In 2018, Transportation and Economic Corridors launched the Rural Transportation Pilot Program, expanding bus services in six rural areas across the province. The department is evaluating the program in order to determine next steps for rural transportation in Alberta. Transportation and Economic Corridors will continue to work with rural municipalities to hear concerns and consider options to support public transportation for rural residents.

Sincerely,

Honourable Devin Dreeshen, ECA

Minister of Transportation and Economic Corridors

cc: Honorable Danielle Smith, Premier of Alberta

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November 28, 2022

The Honourable Danielle Smith Premier of Alberta Office of the Premier #307, Legislature Building 10800-97 Avenue Edmonton, Alberta T5K 2B6

Dear Premier Smith:

Re: Emergency rural bus line support

Congratulations on your becoming Premier of Alberta. I write to alert you to a serious threat to Alberta's rural bus services, and to request loss relief that will enable my company, Cold Shot bus lines, to continue providing bus services to rural Albertans in 67 municipalities in some 65 constituencies.

When Greyhound abandoned Alberta in 2018, Cold Shot took on 11 routes, becoming Alberta's largest rural bus network with the lowest prices amongst all inter-city transport companies. Our operations serve to the far reaches of the province—the so-called "milk runs", as opposed to the "cream runs" between larger centres.

Now, Inflation has replaced COVID as a threat to our operations. Fuel costs in February amounted to \$53,000.; in September, we paid \$90,000. These aren't the only increases, and as the sole transportation option for many rural passengers who can't afford vehicles—Seniors, First Nations, and workers travelling to camp jobs—we are their lifelines. They need to travel for the post-pandemic recovery. What will these marginalized people do if we cease serving them?

Despite the massive rise in input prices, we continue to provide the best possible service at the best possible prices. Our prices remain stable, but unless we receive support, we will not survive long enough to participate fully in the recovery from COVID—already, we have had to reduce our routes from 11 to six.

If Alberta's rural bus companies are allowed to fail, the cost and the effort to replace them will be prohibitive, amounting to the removal of an essential service. How will rural Albertans cope without rural bus service?

According to the Alberta government policies under your predecessor, we are a 'for-profit' enterprise, which justifies them in turning down repeated requests for assistance. But for the almost three years where we were not turning a profit—in fact, we were losing money—we sourced financing to keep providing rural bus services. All, while the policy of 'let market forces decide'—which was applied during COVID, but hopefully won't be continued in the face of Inflation.

Therefore, I request that you review your government's policies in light of the damage done by COVID, and the ongoing impact of Inflation.

Also, I respectfully ask that your government provide loss relief to enable us to weather the final stage of the pandemic, and to survive the current Inflationary pressures. Based on current expenses, we project that our fixed bus operating costs will amount to a daily amount of \$13,229 for driver wages, insurance, fuel, maintenance, and cleaning—to a 12-month total of \$3,382,848.9 million. Rather than ask for a lump sum, I suggest that funds be

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provided quarterly, whereby we deliver a transparent accounting of our operating expenses. I will point out that any funds received would be allocated to operating expenses, not debt servicing, or overhead expenses.

If you decide that your government will assist Cold Shot in maintaining services, we would be pleased to cooperate with any form of media announcement. We would also be willing to post notices in our buses and facilities, apprising our rural customers that, "This bus is operated through the support of the Government of Alberta", or verbiage of your choice.

Thank you for your attention and I look forward to your response.

Kind regards,

Sunny Balwaria CEO/President

Balwaria Empire Pvt Ltd O/A Cold Shot

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cc: Honourable Devin Dreeshen

#### **Nichole Young**

From:

Tony <tony@capedm.com>

Sent:

Friday, August 25, 2023 8:46 AM

To:

Nichole Young

Subject:

{External}Wounded Warriors Canada - Sponsorship Request

Attachments:

wwc media package-2.pdf

**CAUTION:** This email originated from outside of the organization. Do not click links or open attachments unless you recognize the sender and know the content is safe.

Hello,

Further to our call:

We are proud to have partnered with Wounded Warriors Canada on this fundraising endeavor so to further assist in supporting the work this essential charity provides to our Canadian Frontline Personnel and their Families.

We respectively ask for your assistance as a Business Sponsor and help to support the work they strive to achieve so to honour and support Canada's ill and injured Canadian Armed Forces Members, Veterans, First Responders and their Families by advertising your Organization as a much-valued sponsor in the official Wounded Warriors Canada Magazine.

Most importantly, the dollars risen after costs going directly back to the charitable programs and services provided by Wounded Warriors Canada.

Attached is the information package - please advise, if we may count on your support.

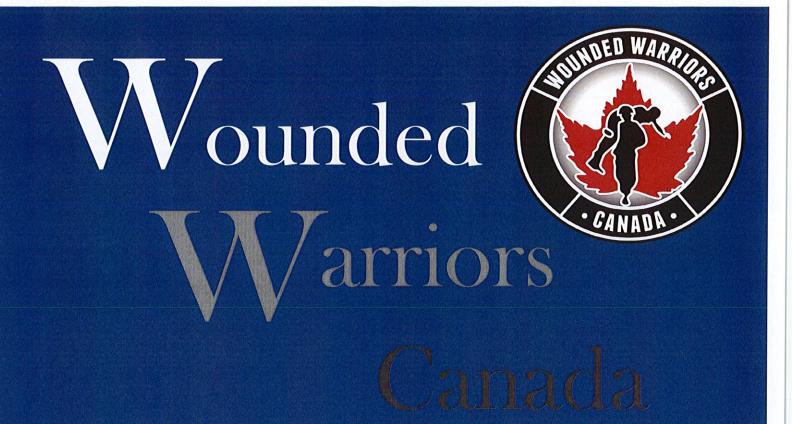
Regards,

Tony Russo National Accounts Manager 780-995-2855 (Direct line)

#### **Proudly Supporting:**







To honour and support Canada's ill and injured Canadian Armed Forces members, Veterans, First Responders and their families.

CRA# 82808-2727-RR0001

Since our humble beginnings in 2006, Wounded Warriors Canada has grown to become one of the leading military support organizations in Canada. From one small program providing care packages to our injured military members in the NATO Hospital in Germany, we have grown to include 15 separate innovative and pioneering programs aimed at supporting our nations heroes and their families overcome the challenges associated with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder or PTSD.

With the war in Afghanistan over, it is often easy to forget that over 45,000 Canadians served during the war in that desert. Prior to this

conflict, thousands more served in countries like Rwanda, Cambodia, Cyprus, Haiti and Bosnia. From these conflict zones, many of our soldiers, sailors and airmen have been injured both physically and mentally. Not all injuries are

# Honour the Fallen,

visible – many have mental scars related to their service and these people often face enormous challenges when transitioning back home to Canada.

Wounded Warriors Canada recognized the gap in the support of those suffering from mental health injuries and it has become our mission to make sure no veteran, first responder or their families goes without support. Since its inception in September 2006, it has become the beneficiary of the nation's empathy towards Canadian soldiers and new in 2016, our nations local heroes

# Help the Living

 our First Responders. The outpouring of support from individual Canadians and Canadian businesses has been overwhelming. Wounded Warriors Canada is a success story borne out of a horrible tragedy that continues to support those in need.

Today, we continue our legacy of care and compassion as the nation's leading, wholly independent, Veteran's charity focusing on mental health. Our innovative and wide-ranging direct programming, which exceeded \$1,500,000 in 2015, is changing the lives of Veterans, First Responders and their families. This is only made possible as a result of the compassionate trust and support of individual Canadians and Canadian businesses, enabling us to carry forward our guiding ethos: Honour the Fallen, Help the Living.

Mission

To honour and support Canada's ill and injured Canadian Armed Forces members, Veterans. First Responders and their families.

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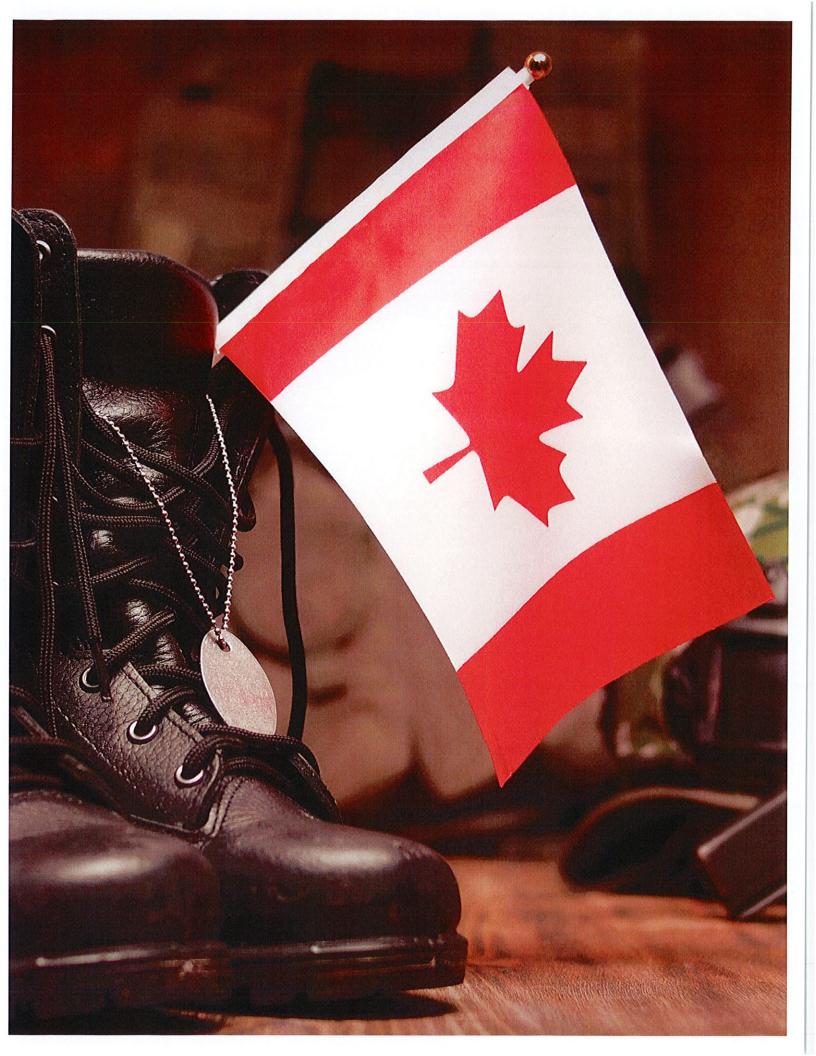
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We are offering the opportunity to advertise your Organization as a much-valued sponsor for the charitable programs and services provided by this worthwhile charity within the Wounded Warriors E-Magazine which, we distribute all across Canada on a quarterly basis.

Most importantly the dollars risen (after costs) through this initiative go towards the many program and services they provide to our frontline personnel and their families.



THE TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE AND FCSS PRESENTS:

# SERVICE PROVIDER & COMMUNITY GROUPS OPEN HOUSE

Community Groups, Non-Profit Organizations, Sports Groups, and Health & Wellness Services

**SEPTEMBER 14, 2023** 

4PM-6PM

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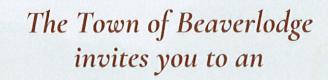
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for Doctors and Medical Staff

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