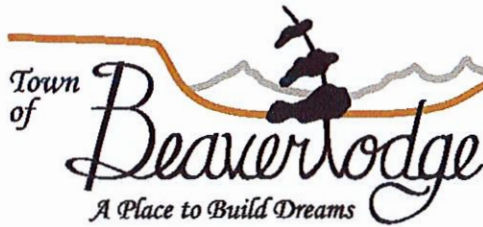


AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
 TO BE HELD TUESDAY OCTOBER 10 25, 2023 @ 6:00 PM  
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 10 ST BEAVERLODGE, AB  
*Microsoft Teams meeting **Join on your computer, mobile app or room device***  
[Click here to join the meeting](#) Meeting ID: 275 914 124 839 Passcode: eLXJNm

<b>1.0</b>	<b><u>CALL TO ORDER</u></b> <i>Town of Beaverlodge's Legislative Meetings are being live streamed effective June 12, 2023 via Council resolution #145-2023-05-23</i>	
<b>2.0</b>	<b><u>LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT</u></b>	PP 2
<b>3.0</b>	<b><u>ADOPTION OF AGENDA</u></b>	
<b>4.0</b>	<b><u>DELEGATION</u></b>	
<b>5.0</b>	<b><u>OLD BUSINESS:</u></b> 5.1 Cold Shot Bus Lines Support Request <i>(tabled from Sept 25, 2023)</i>	PP 3-9
<b>6.0</b>	<b><u>NEW BUSINESS:</u></b> 6.1 Council Invitation for Oct 27 – Grand Spirit Foundation 6.2 Committees of Council & Standing Committees 6.3 Firehall Building Committee Update – Councillor Graw 6.4 Mountview Health Complex Committee Update – Mayor Rycroft 6.5 Community Enhancement Committee Update – Councillor Moulds 6.6 Economic Development Committee Update – Councillor Corbett	PP 10 PP 11,12
<b>7.0</b>	<b><u>TOPICS FOR NEXT AGENDA:</u></b>	
<b>8.0</b>	<b><u>ADJOURNMENT:</u></b>	



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As long as the sun shines, grass grows and the rivers flow – we acknowledge the homeland of the many diverse First Nation & Métis people whose ancestors have walked this land.

We are grateful to live, learn and work on the traditional territory of Treaty 8 and we make this acknowledgement as an act of reconciliation and gratitude.

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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 Pamasuik	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.

Sunny Balwaria (President)

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ALBERTA

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

[sunny@balwariaempire.com](mailto:sunny@balwariaempire.com)

cc: Honourable Devin Dreeshen

**Nichole Young**

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**Subject:** Grande Spirit Foundation New Spirit River Seniors Apartments Sign Unveiling

**From:** Kelsey Edginton <kedginton@grandespirit.org>

**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2023 12:03 PM

**To:** Legislative Services <Legislativeservices@countygp.ab.ca>; Ashley Armstrong <aarmstrong@cityofgp.com>; Wendy Holscher <Wendy.Holscher@MDGreenview.ab.ca>; Justine Yanishewski <jyanishewski@saddlehills.ab.ca>; Bailey S <baileys@birchhillscounty.com>; CAO <cao@rycroft.ca>; Admin <admin@wembley.ca>; Beth Endresen <adminassist@sexsmith.ca>; Dianne Nellis <dnellis@mdspiritriver.ab.ca>; Town of Spirit River CAO <cao@townofspiritriver.ca>; Nichole Young <nyoung@beaverlodge.ca>

**Subject:** {External}Grande Spirit Foundation New Spirit River Seniors Apartments Sign Unveiling

Please join us for the sign unveiling for Grande Spirit Foundation's new Spirit River Seniors Apartments project. This will take place on October 27, 2023, at 9:00 am, in Spirit River, AB. We look forward to seeing you at this event.



Kelsey Edginton

Executive Assistant | Grande Spirit Foundation

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Town of Beaverlodge  
Committee and Organization Appointments

**Council as a Whole**  
Chair: Mayor Gary Rycroft  
Members: Councillor Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus, Councillor Cal Mosher, Councillor Cyndi Corbett, Councillor Hugh Graw, Councillor Cody Moulds, Councillor Ryier Hommy  
The Deputy Mayor position as appointed by Council

NOTE: Mayor and CAO are ex-officio members to every committee of the Town

COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL	MEMBERS	DESCRIPTION	MEETINGS
Beaverlodge Firehall Building Committee	Chair: Hugh Graw Council: Cal Mosher County of GP: Peter Harris, Bob Marshall Beaverlodge Firefighter Association: Kish Wickramasinghe Staff: CAO, Fire Chief Stan Metcalfe	Oversee the Beaverlodge Fire Hall project. Consider and provide feedback regarding design and construction.	Monthly
Town of Beaverlodge Library Board	Trustee: Cal Mosher	Local Library	5 times per year
Community Economic Development	Chair: Cyndi Corbett Council: Cody Moulds BL Chamber: Tracy Ferguson 3 Members at Large Staff: CAO	Advisory: CED Opportunities & Sustainable Retention, Growth & Dev. including Town Assets, Tourism, Marketing/Promotion	Quarterly
Community Enhancement & Welcoming	Chair: Cody Moulds Council: Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus, Ryier Hommy Staff: CAO 4 Members at Large	Beautification – Build A Dream, Welcoming/ Enriching Community Working Group	Monthly/Quarterly as per sub-committee need
HR Committee	Chair: Gary Rycroft Council: Hugh Graw, Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus Staff: CAO	Town Human Resources	As needed
Mount View Health Complex Committee	Chair: Gary Rycroft Council: Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus County Council: Bob Marshal & Peter Harris Grande Spirit Foundation: GM Steve Madden Staff: CAO	Advisory, Planning, Fundraising	As needed
Protective Services Committee	Chair: Hugh Graw Council: Cal Mosher Fire Chief, RCMP Member Staff: Peace Officer, CAO 2 Members at Large: To Be Decided	Fire, Rescue, Bylaw, Enforcement, Emergency Preparedness	As needed
Subdivision & Development Board	Chair: Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus Council: All of Council, except SD&D Appeal Board Member Staff: Tina Letendre	Subdivision and Development	As needed

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<b>ORG/GROUP APPOINTMENTS</b>	<b>MEMBERS</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>MEETINGS</b>
Beaverlodge & District Chamber of Commerce	Council: CAO Staff: Deputy CAO		Monthly
Community Rail Advocacy Alliance	Council: Gary Rycroft Alternate: Ryier Hommy	Provincial	Monthly
Community Futures	Council: Gary Rycroft	Business and Development	Monthly
FCSS Advisory Committee	Council: Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus Alternate: Ryier Hommy	Social Planning	Quarterly
Grande Prairie Regional Emergency Partnership	Council: Cal Mosher Alternate: Hugh Graw Staff: CAO	Emergency Response Planning	Semi-Annually
Grande Prairie Regional Recreation Committee	Council: Cody Moulds Alternate: Ryier Hommy	Implementation of Regional Recreation Master Plan	2 times per year
Grande Prairie Regional Tourism	Council: Cyndi Corbett	Tourism	Monthly
Grande Spirit Foundation	Council: Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus	Seniors Housing	Monthly
ICF – Intermunicipal Collaboration Framework	Council: Gary Rycroft, Hugh Graw, Cyndi Corbett,	Intermunicipal Collaboration	As needed
IDP – Intermunicipal Development Plan	Council: Gary Rycroft, Cyndi Corbett, Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus		As needed
Inter-Municipal Group	All Council Staff: CAO	Regional Emerging Items	2 times per year
Intermunicipal Subdivision & Development Appeal Board	Council: Cyndi Corbett	Handle appeals	As needed
Peace Library System	Council: Cal Mosher	Regional Representation	Quarterly
South Peace Professional Attraction & Retention Committee	Council: Judy Kokotilo-Bekkerus Public: Member-at-large	Regional– recruit/retain physician/health professionals	Quarterly
Regional Landfill	Council: Hugh Graw Alternate: Gary Rycroft	Regional Municipal Group	4 Annual – 1 <sup>st</sup> Wed
WASP (Wapiti Area Synergy Partnership)	Council: Cyndi Corbett	Regional	
Water North Coalition	Council: Cal Mosher	Regional	
Other Council Committee	Council appointees and ex officio	Regional	As needed