



AGENDA FOR THE TOWN OF BEAVERLODGE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
 TO BE HELD MONDAY JANUARY 8, 2024 @ 6:00 PM  
 COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 400 10 ST BEAVERLODGE, AB  
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<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>	
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<b>5.0</b>	<b><u>OLD BUSINESS:</u></b> 5.1 Beaverlodge FCSS – Passionate Hearts Invitation – Feb 14, 2024	PP 3
<b>6.0</b>	<b><u>NEW BUSINESS:</u></b> 6.1 Water Meter Update 6.2 2024 Town Budget 6.3 Cold Shot Bus Lines – Urgent Support Request 6.4 Beaverlodge Elks Letter 6.5 Mountview Health Complex Committee Update – Mayor Rycroft 6.6 Community Enhancement Committee Update – Councillor Moulds 6.7 Economic Development Committee Update – Councillor Corbett	PP 4-7 PP 8
<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.



Beaverlodge FCSS  
400 10 St  
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December 1, 2023

Town of Beaverlodge Council  
400 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Beaverlodge, AB T0H 0C0

Beaverlodge Town Council,

The 2024 Passionate Heart planning committee formally invites you to our annual Passionate Heart Celebration to celebrate and honor individuals and organizations who contribute significantly to their community, enhance social services in the region, and are dedicated to improving quality of life in our community.

The celebration will be taking place at the Bowes Family Crystal Gardens on February 14, 2024 starting at 11:30am where all nominees will be recognized, and award winners will be announced and honored.

We are requesting your attendance at the 2024 Passionate Heart Celebration to present the Passionate Heart Award in one of the four award categories.

Thank you for considering our invitation. Please provide a response to [rstockman@beaverlodge.ca](mailto:rstockman@beaverlodge.ca) with the name of who will announce the award winner by January 24, 2024. Additional tickets for the event can be purchased for \$30.00 at [bonnettsenergycentre.com](http://bonnettsenergycentre.com) for any further attendees. Should you have any questions, I can be reached by phone or email.

Sincerely,

Reanna Stockman  
FCSS Director  
Town of Beaverlodge  
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# COLD SHOT

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**DATE-** 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

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

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Re: Urgent Support Needed to Sustain Vital Transportation Services

Dear Mayor,

I am writing to bring to your attention the critical situation faced by COLD SHOT, Alberta's largest rural bus network, and to seek your support in ensuring the continued provision of essential transportation services to your community.

Since the departure of Greyhound from Alberta in 2018, Cold Shot has played a pivotal role in filling the void, offering 11 vital routes, and becoming Alberta's largest rural bus network. We take pride in providing the most affordable inter-city transport options, catering to the diverse needs of our communities. However, the challenges of inflation, coupled with the aftermath of COVID, are now threatening our operations.

Despite rising input costs, we have maintained stable prices to ensure accessibility for all passengers. However, the financial strain has forced us to reduce our routes from 11 to 6. If this trend continues, it could lead to further route closures, impacting the very people who depend on our services for their daily transportation needs.

We have diligently pursued assistance by making multiple attempts and sending various letters from the year 2021 to July 2023 to both the Federal and Provincial government. We also sought support from several Mayors, and although we witnessed supportive gestures and requests sent to the Provincial Government on our behalf, regrettably, no favorable outcomes have materialized. Enclosed with this letter, you will find copies of the letters we sent and the responses we received. Now, as a final recourse, we turn to you as our last source of support before we are compelled to shut down our services.

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I want to emphasize the invaluable role our services play in connecting people to their families and supporting those who cannot afford or drive personal vehicles. COLD SHOT is more than a transportation provider; we are a crucial lifeline for many marginalized individuals in your community. Cold Shot serves as the sole transportation option for many residents who, due to economic constraints, cannot afford personal vehicles. This includes seniors, First Nations members, and workers commuting to camp jobs—individuals who rely on our services as a lifeline for connecting with their families and meeting essential travel needs.

Our financial situation is dire, and without immediate support, we may be forced to make more route closures. I respectfully request that the Town of Beaverlodge consider providing loss relief to help us navigate the current inflationary pressures. Your support will enable us to continue serving the residents of Beaverlodge who rely on our affordable transportation services.

To put it candidly, we find ourselves at a crossroads. Without the necessary support, we may have no choice but to make difficult decisions, including the withdrawal of our services from Beaverlodge. This is not a decision we take lightly, but we must consider all options to navigate the current challenges and ensure the long-term viability of our operations.

Enclosed with this letter is a detailed breakdown of the significant impact Cold Shot has on the Town of Beaverlodge including the number of residents benefiting from our service. I understand that there may be competitors that can take our place, but I point out that start-up costs are likely prohibitive. Therefore, I appeal to you to support a homegrown Alberta-based company that has been dedicated to serving and supporting Albertans for an extended period. We are already a well-established company with all the assets in place and supporting us would be more beneficial than investing in a new venture.

To sustain our operations, we estimate a fixed daily cost of **\$113.15** covering driver wages, insurance, fuel, maintenance, and cleaning. This amounts to a total of **\$28,400.00** over 12 months, and the detailed breakdown for all the cities/towns' daily costs will be mentioned at the end of this letter. We expect to get an answer from you by the 31st of January 2024. If we don't receive any help from your municipality, we will have no choice but to shut down the services for the Town of Beaverlodge as we will no longer be able to afford the expenses. It is essential to note that any funds received will be allocated exclusively to operating expenses, ensuring the continuation of our services.

As it is our duty to inform the people of Alberta that we might be shutting down services if we don't receive funds/help from their municipality. Therefore, we are providing this letter copy to the media so people can be aware of this impacting situation.

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Should the Town of Beaverlodge to assist COLD SHOT in maintaining services, we are open to collaborating on media announcements and displaying notices on our buses and facilities, acknowledging the invaluable support of your Council or wording of your preference.

I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your positive response. Your support will not only help sustain our operations but also contribute to the well-being of the residents who rely on COLD SHOT for their transportation needs in Alberta.

This Letter is also CC to the Mayors of towns / Cities mentioned on next page.

Thank you for considering our request, and I am available to discuss this matter further at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Sunny Balwaria ( President)

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Here is a breakdown of the towns and cities for which we've sought financial support, along with the respective number of residents who have utilized our services in the respective years: Please note- the Funds are Calculated based on Volume of Passengers and the Annual Expense.

TOWNS / CITIES	No. of residents used our service in 2022	No. of residents used our service in 2023	Funds Requested (1 Year)
AIRDRIE	610	207	\$ 47,080.00
ATHABASCA	211	202	\$ 44,960.00
BEAVERLODGE	60	90	\$ 28,400.00
BONNYVILLE	395	409	\$ 47,960.00
BOYLE	13	0	\$ 10,040.00
CALGARY	8044	9490	\$ 843,680.00
COLD LAKE	562	692	\$ 72,640.00
DAWSON CREEK	470	533	\$ 58,920.00
EDMONTON	26595	26177	\$ 985,500.00
FORT MCMURRAY	6624	5811	\$ 662,360.00
FORT ST. JOHN	649	837	\$ 85,400.00
FOX CREEK	318	287	\$ 36,920.00
GIBBONS	16	0	\$ 1,280.00
GRANDE PRAIRIE	6835	7422	\$ 543,680.00
GRASSLAND	244	184	\$ 26,880.00
HIGH PRAIRIE	324	379	\$ 61,080.00
HYTHE	49	54	\$ 33,000.00
NAMPA	35	58	\$ 5,120.00
PEACE RIVER	817	961	\$ 243,800.00
RED DEER	1177	1331	\$ 247,400.00
RED WATER	25	10	\$ 24,000.00
SLAVE LAKE	564	618	\$ 79,840.00
SMOKY LAKE	52	56	\$ 32,000.00
ST PAUL	149	202	\$ 22,500.00
VALLEYVIEW	542	579	\$ 86,520.00
WESTLOCK	50	58	\$ 6,320.00
WHITECOURT	538	566	\$ 65,680.00
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>55864</b>	<b>57213</b>	<b>\$ 4,402,960.00</b>

We'd like to highlight that there are several locations mentioned in the table above from which we have never received any response, even after seeking support in our letters to ministers. If we don't receive any response from these locations regarding our funds request, we kindly request you all to coordinate with other municipalities and explore options to adjust funds from those areas where support has not been forthcoming. Your guidance in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

January 4, 2024

Jeff Johnston,

Town of Beaverlodge

The Beaverlodge Elks would like inform you that we will be vacating our current premises in the basement of the Vista Energy Centre as of January 3, 2024.

As per our conversation, it will take us approxiametely three months to remove "Elks" items. The rest (chairs, tables, etc. ) will be left to the town for your convenience.

Alan Walker

Exalted Ruler, Beaverlodge Elks

*Alan Walker*

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