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Dear Peace River Regional District,

Step Up N Ride Society is a non profit organization which offers specialized transportation to those unable to access public transportation or their own vehicles. Our area of expertise and commitment is to provide safe, assisted transportation to seniors, adults and children with disabilities. One of our goals for providing this type of service is to enable more individuals to remain in their homes longer. And so they can enjoy a better quality of life with access to transport to and from appointments, social outings, etc safely with us.

Currently we offer our service to Dawson Creek, Pouce Coupe, Tomslake, Rolla and surrounding areas. We have provided transport as far out as Progress, One Island Lake Road, Kilkaren, Doe River, Old Edmonton Hwy just to name a few. We try our best to accommodate individuals still living on their farms or acreages. We realize it is important for people to stay in their own homes as long as possible so we do our best to be sure they manage to get to town at least one day a week and more if required for medical reasons.

Over the years this service has been offered at below cost rates to prevent further hardship to families and individuals already at a disadvantage and we have been able to do this because of active fund raising, and grants from BC Gaming Bingo Affiliation. At this time Step Up N Ride Society is facing financial hardship and have been advised that our BC Gaming Bingo Affiliation is in jeopardy of being cut anywhere from 30% to 100%. We currently receive about \$55 000.00 per year through Bingo Affiliation. Even if we see no cuts in April of 2010 we will still be in a position where we will not be able to continue to offer our transportation service to people living in the country at our current subsidized rate. Please see attached document stating our statistics.

We provide transportation within the Community for Palliative Care patients that wish to live out their final days in their own home. We do our utmost to assist these families which can sometimes mean weekend and evening work. This comes at a large cost to our Society.

We have been providing a valuable service to residents living in our rural communities without any grants or assistance up to this time but as an organization we are only too aware that we cannot continue without some baseline funding. Due to the downturn of the economy we are not guaranteed to see our Health Authority, City of Dawson Creek or BC Gaming grants that we have seen the past few years. As a result we are submitting this request of \$100 000.00 to the Regional District for assistance. Without funding assistance we will be forced to discontinue service to any person living outside Dawson Creek City Limits unless the individuals requiring it can pay our actual costs.

Please feel free to call me with any questions or concerns and I am happy to come in and meet with you.

Thanks again

Mona McNalley

Supervisor

February 11, 2010

Step Up N Ride Society transported 22 529 rides in 2009. The breakdown is as follows:

Children – 18 884

Adults - 3645

Total – 22 529

Children living in the Country – 1804 rides (these are funded by School District #59)

Adults living in the Country – 692 rides (these are funded by the user and subsidized by Step Up N Ride Society)

Total Country Rides – 2 496

Below are some examples for persons that live in the outlying areas that we have/do provide transportation to. Our charge starts from our Dawson Creek location to their house and then back to town then return trip of the same so there is essentially 4 trips for a person to complete one outing.

1. Progress – 30km each way = 60km round trip x \$1.90 per km = \$114.00 x 2 trips = \$228.00 for this person to come in one day per month to do banking, Doctor, etc. They were able to pay \$20.00 so Step Up N Ride Society is at a loss of \$208.00.

- a. At one time approx. 2 years ago this person required 1 day per week for approx. 6 months as they did not have a wheelchair accessible vehicle and could not afford to stay in Dawson Creek for their required therapy. Step Up N Ride Society saw a loss of approx. \$4992.00.

2. Old Edmonton Highway – 26 km each way = 52 km round trip x \$1.90 per km = \$98.80 x 2 trips= \$197.60 for this person to come to town one day per week to attend Adult day away. They were able to pay \$30.00 so Step Up N Ride Society is at a loss of \$167.60

3. Kilkaren – 10km each way – 20km round trip x \$1.90 per km = \$38.00 x 2 trips = \$76.00 for this person to come to town one day a week for a bath, blood work, etc one day per week. They were able to pay \$20.00 so Step Up N Ride Society is at a loss of \$56.00.

- a. This person ran into an issue where they needed IV therapy for 10 days 2 times per day through weekdays as well as weekends. There was not a hospital bed available in the hospital so in the end Step Up N Ride Society saw a loss of \$1120.00. This person is unable to access any type of vehicle other than wheelchair accessible or ambulance. The cost for the ambulance would have been outrageous and not affordable to the family.

Progress - \$208.00 x 52 weeks = yearly loss of \$10 816.00

Old Edmonton Highway - \$167.60 x 52 = yearly loss of \$8 715.20

Kilkaren - \$56.00 x 52 weeks = yearly loss of \$2 912.00

Total loss in 1 year from 3 individuals only - \$22 443.20

Total # of rides from 3 individuals is 156 so in 2009 we had a remaining 536 rides that were provided at a great loss to Step Up N Ride Society

Please note that costs are decided by verbal conversation with the individual requiring the service.

February 11, 2010

**Step Up N Ride Society 2009
STATISTICS**

RIDES

Children Dawson Creek	17080
Children Outlying area	1804
Adults Dawson Creek	2953
Adults Outlying Area	692
TOTAL RIDES	22529

AVERAGE KM/BUS 35000

AVERAGE DAYS OF SERVICE 260

Note - average is 3 buses per day with the exception of holidays and weekend work.

FINANCIAL

BUS REVENUE	\$ 140,752.51
GAMING REVENUE	\$ 64,000.00
DONATIONS/FUNDRAISING	\$ 22,285.45
CITY OF DAWSON CREEK	\$ 25,000.00
NORTHERN HEALTH AUTH.	\$ 9,000.00
MISC.	\$ 2,096.58

TOTAL INCOME \$ 263,134.54

EXPENSES

BUS EXPENSES	\$ 70,380.78
SOCIETY INSURANCE	\$ 1,760.00
WAGES	\$ 169,773.80
CPP/EI/WCB/BENEFITS	\$ 21,170.73
ADVERTISING	\$ 1,197.91
COMMUNICATION	\$ 5,340.75
ADMINISTRATION	\$ 4,679.10
TRAINING/TRAVEL	\$ 1,562.80
MISC	\$ 3,305.68
GST	\$ 3,606.47

TOTAL EXPENSES \$ 282,778.02

2009 LOSS OF \$19 643.48

Grant	less %	Amount	Balance		
\$ 60,000.00	less 30%	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 42,000.00	=	Loss of 65% of a drivers wage
\$ 60,000.00	less 70%	\$ 42,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	=	Loss of 1 full driver wage plus approx 45% of 2nd driver wage

Note - based on average driver wage of \$28000.00 as we do not run full time all year with 3 buses

\$18000.00 = 3600 rides (subsidized for seniors at \$5.00 per ride)

\$42000.00 = 8400 rides (subsidized for seniors at \$5.00 per ride)

Without subsidy rides within Dawson Creek Would be \$10.00 per stop / \$40.00 per hour