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Parkland County Council
Public Meeting

Re: Public Transportation Bylaw No. 2015-36

On behalf of Acheson business and property owners, the ABA is opposed to the motion of this bylaw for the following reasons:

1. On October 21, 2015, the Acheson Business Association (ABA) was informed for the first time of the proposed bylaw being drafted.
2. The ABA was not informed of the December 8 Public Meeting until November 27 leaving insufficient time to consult Acheson businesses or allow for their feedback.
3. The proposed bylaw was not posted for consideration on the Parkland County website for public viewing until December 3, 2015.
4. There have no other fee options presented.
5. As the Trial Project has not begun, there is insufficient information on ridership and thus there is no reasonable method to consider assessment options at this time.

Moving forward, the ABA respectfully suggests:

1. Implementation of a review of similar projects – like BOLT (Lacombe and Blackfalds, operated by red Deer Transit; Airdrie) to determine fee structure.
2. Consult with businesses for feedback on ridership and possible fee solutions.

