Bylaw No. 2015-36 Public Transportation Utility

December 8, 2015

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## Erin Felker

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Sent:

Tuesday, December 01, 2015 12:00 PM

To:

Erin Felker

Subject:

RE: Public Council Meeting for new Acheson Public Transportation Utility Bylaw -

December 8 - Proposed Tax Increase for Acheson Businesses

## Hi Erin,

I won't be attending the forum in person, but I thought I'd send you my thoughts. I'm opposed to the bylaw and the increase in taxes. My business may differ from others in Acheso, but none of my employees would use transit to get to work even if it was available. None. I also don't see how you propose to move employees around within and between Zones of the park. It does no good to move employees to the Husky Car Wash if they can't get from there to their place of work. I'm not sure if you've done a feasibility/user ship study, but I would hope that the route would be self-supporting through increased ridership revenue. If not, it might be an indication the route doesn't have the support necessary to be feasible.

I'm a big supporter of transit, but given that this route would specifically be to benefit the businesses and employees of Acheson and paid for by that group, I thought I'd voice my opposition to the idea given there is zero benefit to our own operation.

Regards,

## **Trevor Panas**

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Increase for Acheson Businesses

## Good morning Acheson Businesses,

Please see the important notice below regarding the proposed bylaw for the new public transit service in Acheson. The bylaw which will be posted sometime this week at: <a href="www.parklandcounty.com/meetings">www.parklandcounty.com/meetings</a>, proposes a business tax increase of approximately \$245 per property owner under a 'Utilities fee'. The proposed route will begin from west Edmonton to Zone 1 in Acheson at the Husky Car Wash (repurposed for transit). The proposed cost of the two year pilot project is \$100,000/year afterwhich assessments will be performed to determine expanding the routes. If there are any questions or concerns, the businesses are welcome to contact Erin Felker listed below.