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Sent: July 5, 2024 10:20 AM
To: Joe Kopala; Bill Rogers; Renee Stoyles
Cc: Willy Cole
Subject: Notice to Appeal - Non-Residential Tax Incentive Application for Roll No. 00461300 - Overdrive Heavy Duty Services

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Good Morning,

Please consider this a formal notice, that it is the intent of Overdrive Heavy Duty Services Ltd. (in cooperation with 1837569 AB Ltd) to appeal the decision rendered on our application for the Non-Residential Tax Incentive Application of June 11, 2024.

Cheque Number 15378 was delivered to Town Hall on 05 July 2024 in support of the request.

The basis of our appeal will be outlined in a letter to council following this notice.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

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05 July 2024

Town Council

Town of Bonnyville

4917 49th Ave,

Bonnyville AB, T9N 2J7

Re: **Non-Residential Tax Incentive Application for Roll No. 00461300**

Attn: Madam Mayor & Councilors

Overdrive Heavy Duty Services Ltd. has been a strong member of the Bonnyville Commercial Community since March of 2005. Over our 19 years of operation, we have grown from a 4-bay shop with 1 employee to a company with 3 separate shops providing 35 residents with high-paying, permanent jobs. Overdrive is a family operated, family-based company that is very active in supporting community events such as the annual Chuck Wagon Races, Pontiacs Hockey, Gear Grabbers annual Drag Races, as well as many smaller local events and clubs. I believe it is fair to say that Overdrive is truly invested in the success of the Town of Bonnyville, the quality of life of its employees and keeping commerce local.

We recently applied for the Non-Residential Tax Incentive but were denied due to two non-life safety issues involving a steel exterior staircase and an interior staircase. These issues include non-closed risers and lack of spindles on the exterior steel staircase. The interior staircase was built to residential standards to accommodate the required space in the upper storage room. These compromises did not affect our ability to obtain an Occupancy Permit or hinder our sales operations. Performing the identified adjustments would be cost prohibitive as they would require significant structural changes, especially with respect to the interior staircase. It's important to note that these decisions were made before the Tax Exemption program came into effect.

Please consider that these stairways are not open to the public and are only accessible by a very limited number of employees. The safety and well-being of our team is a significant part of our culture, and these issues are identified as non-life safety issues. Additionally, it's important to note that we are one of the very few mechanic repair shops that has and maintains a COR rating with WCB.

It is our hope that the council will take into consideration the minor non-life safety issues in balance with the immense benefits our new facility provides, along with our record of safety. We kindly request an exception in this case to allow us access to the very beneficial tax incentive. This support will greatly assist Overdrive Heavy Duty as we strive to be a strong community partner to the Town of Bonnyville. Business expansion always presents challenges, which we believe this council recognizes (as evidenced by the adoption of this program). Denying us access to this incentive would be detrimental to our ability to continue creating good jobs for our local citizens, as well as hindering our efforts to make living in Bonnyville more attractive. I am available at your convenience to discuss or provide further details on this request.

Warm Regards

Willy Cole

President

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Thank you. Have a nice day!

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