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Mr. Paul Siller
Interim Chairman
Rural/Urban Transportation Issues
c/o Rocky View Regional Handibus Society
P.O. Box 3235
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Dear Mr. Siller:

RE: Participation by the Headwaters Health Authority Transportation Committee in the Rural/Urban Transportation Issues Committee

Headwaters Health Authority (now Calgary Health Region – Rural South) and other stakeholders formed a Transportation Committee in February 2003 to identify transportation issues in the MD of Foothills and to develop some strategies on how to resolve same. Stakeholders on this Committee included representation from the Towns of High River, Okotoks, Nanton, Black Diamond and Turner Valley, Foothills Foundation, Canadian Cancer Society, High River Handibus, Foothills AIM Society, High River Friendship Centre and private taxi operators.

At our meetings, it was agreed that a strategy for sustainable and coordinated transportation is required for the area. However, it quickly became apparent that without additional government dollars, there was no way that existing resources could fund such a service. It was further identified that this issue is not just limited to our region and that it should be addressed at the Provincial level.

Therefore, we believe our energies could be best used to support the Rural/Urban Transportation Issues Committee initiative. We are glad to be a part of this initiative and look forward to receiving updates on the Committee's progress. Please let me know if there are other ways we can support your endeavour.

Yours sincerely,

Rosemary Burness
Executive Leader – High River/Nanton Health Services

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