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We respectfully present this letter with some background information and a request that the minimum tax bylaw be amended to exempt farm land.

Specifically RL 39 78 5 W6 is the parcel of concern. The minimum tax was first applied in 2007. The minimum tax was removed twice, but later reapplied. We continue to believe that farm land should be taxed in the same fashion regardless of whether it is located within an urban or a rural municipality. Currently this river lot is taxed at a rate nearly 10 times that of an equivalent piece of land within the MD of Spirit River.

Our family has a long lasting and excellent relationship with the Village. Soon after our great grandfather homesteaded this piece of land in 1914, the railway was constructed and the village was established. In the intervening years, RL 39 provided the village with land for a garbage dump, a sewage lagoon and a lift station, and right of ways for water and sewer lines. In most if not all cases these were provided at no cost.

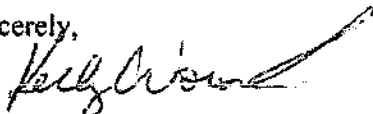
The greater portion of RL 39 is non-revenue generating because we provide it to the Rycroft Agricultural Society for the annual chuckwagon races.

The land is not subdivided and the village does not provide any services to this property, nor are any needed.

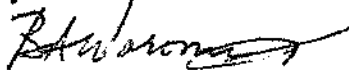
As residents of the MD of Spirit River we support its assistance to the Village of Rycroft. We view Rycroft as our town and will continue to support it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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