October 19, 2026

Mayor Mark Peterson and Council
Village of Glenwood
Attn: Jim Brown, CAO
Sent via email: cao@glenwood.ca

Dear Mayor Mark Peterson and Council,

When a medical emergency happens, access to advanced critical care can mean the difference between life and death. For more than 40 years, STARS has provided Albertans with rapid access to lifesaving care, regardless of where they live, work, travel, or recreate.

Today, STARS operates three Alberta bases in Calgary, Edmonton, and Grande Prairie, delivering advanced critical care and emergency transport to patients across the province. Our highly specialized crews bring hospital-level care directly to the patient, helping bridge the gap between rural communities and specialized medical centres.

STARS remains a vital extension of Alberta's healthcare and emergency response system. In addition to transporting critically ill and injured patients, the STARS Emergency Link Centre coordinates critical care resources and supports healthcare professionals and emergency responders across the province.

As a charitable organization, STARS relies on a partnership model to sustain operations. While the Government of Alberta provides significant funding, approximately 59% of Alberta's operational costs must be fundraised through municipal support, community investment, donations, and fundraising efforts.

Municipal support has been a cornerstone of STARS' success for decades. Today, more than 95% of Alberta's rural municipalities support STARS through per capita or fixed-rate contributions, recognizing STARS as an essential service for their residents. More than 85% of municipal partners are Regional Leaders, contributing a minimum of $2 per capita annually. These partnerships help ensure STARS remains ready to deliver lifesaving critical care whenever and wherever Albertans need us most. For more than 40 years, STARS has operated at no cost to patients, a community-supported model built by the community for the community.

Our Request

- An annual contribution of $1-$2 per capita, or
- A fixed annual contribution of at least $2 per capita through the Regional Leader Program
- A four-year pledge of support (2027-2030) aligned with the current council term

Municipal partnerships help ensure STARS can continue providing critical care, anywhere. Together, we can safeguard access to emergency healthcare for residents when they need it most.

Thank you for your consideration and commitment to the health and safety of your community.

Sincerely,

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