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Greetings LGD of Pinawa council members.

We are writing to request information and seek clarification on the process by which taxes and fees are determined for local businesses within the Local Government District of Pinawa.

The Pinawa Chamber of Commerce is an organization dedicated to fostering economic growth, promoting local businesses, and advocating for the interests of our current and potential members. As an integral part of the business community, we believe it is important to maintain transparency and open communication with the municipal, provincial, and federal authorities to ensure a fair and equitable environment for all enterprises operating within the district.

We recognize that the LGD is required to collect taxes and fees from the businesses to support infrastructure development, community services and various administrative functions. The need for the LGD to collect taxes is not in question. What we wish to focus on solely are the objective standards used to set the business taxes and fees.

With that in mind, we request the following information:

1. **Tax Determination Process:** Please provide an explanation of how taxes for local businesses are determined within the LGD of Pinawa. Specifically, we seek clarification on the factors considered, such as business size, revenue, property value, or any other relevant criteria.
2. **Fee Structure:** We would appreciate a basic breakdown of the fee structure imposed on local businesses. This should include an itemized list of all fees, permits, licenses, and any other financial obligations required from businesses operating within the district.
3. **Public Consultation:** Could you please clarify whether there is a provision for public consultation or input from the local business community during the process of determining taxes and fees? If such consultations exist, we would like to receive information on how the consultations are conducted and how the Chamber of Commerce can participate.
4. **Future Plans and Changes:** It would be valuable for our members to gain insight into any future plans or potential changes to the tax and fee structure for local businesses. If there are upcoming revisions or modifications, we kindly request information on the timeline, objectives, and potential impact on businesses in the district.

The Pinawa Chamber of Commerce firmly believes that an open dialogue between the local government and the business community is crucial for the prosperity and growth of our district. By obtaining a clear understanding of the tax and fee determination process, our members can better plan their business operations and contribute more effectively to the local economy. Our directors eagerly await your response, and we appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Pinawa Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors