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Community Connector Bus Available for You!

The Community Connector is a 12 passenger bus that is also wheelchair accessible. The bus makes seniors a priority but anyone can take advantage of its services. This may lead many non-seniors to consider it as an option when making trips to Edmonton. Given the cost of fuel and parking for personal vehicles, in addition to the hassles of dealing with traffic, letting someone else do the driving can be an attractive option.

Fares for the Community Connector bus range from \$11 for a round trip from Peers to Edson up to \$56 for a round trip from Peers to Edmonton. Cost is based on distance so Evansburg to Edmonton would be only \$48. If a passenger requires an attendant for medical reasons, the attendant rides free. Unlike regular buses the Community Connector schedule will be arranged to take riders with medical appointments right to the lab or doctor's office required, as well as picking them up later in the day. People going to the city for non-medical reasons will be dropped off and picked up at their choice of location en-route.

The Seniors Transportation Steering Committee oversees daily operations of the bus on behalf of the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 149 in Wildwood and constantly strives to respond to the needs that are being expressed. Currently there are regular trips to Drayton Valley on Tuesdays and Thursdays to accommodate the doctor's clinic rotations, and a regular trip to Evansburg on Wednesdays for medical appointments and shopping. Trips to Edson and Mayerthorpe are not provided on a weekly basis due to low demand. If you and a group of friends would like to make a trip the steering committee wants to hear from you.

Yellowhead County is the majority supporter of the Community Connector and provides an annual operating grant of approximately \$20,000. For more information call Esther Johnston at 780-325-2568, Barb Barnes at 780-693-3747, Lydia Klemp at 780-727-2595 or Dale Moffat at 780-795-2443.

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