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The discussion this evening with the Chamber Board of Directors yielded the following points based on the Chamber perspective:

1. Concern – the PST in Manitoba is higher than our neighbor to the west. Swan River is located close to the SK/MB border, and feels this difference in PST affects our competitive edge.
2. Concern – Rail service in our region and to the north. Local businesses that use rail service comment that a consistent, steady supply of rail cars is an unreliable method of transporting products for sale
3. Concern – Cell Service in the Valley and Parkland area – only certain areas in this region have regular, uninterrupted service. Poor cell service affects business.
4. Concern - Transportation to and from Swan Valley via air and bus. The decrease or complete lack of service is discouraging to potential businesses looking at possible relocation or set up in Swan Valley.
5. Suggestion – Incentives or tax breaks for Rural business development, something to help stimulate rural economy and growth.

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