

Community Announcement on Community Transportation Information and Referral Service

May 12, 2016 (Haliburton, Ontario) - A new information and referral service is launching in Haliburton County to help connect people with transportation options. The initiative is one that has been developed and implemented by the Rural Transportation Options committee (a part of the Haliburton County Community Co-Operative), the Community Transportation Partnership and the County of Haliburton as part of a transportation project funded by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation.

The service includes an interactive website and phone line through which residents of Haliburton County can access information and referrals to transportation services that meet their needs. The website includes a search feature which produces a customized list of transportation services which meet the user's search criteria. For those not online or more comfortable speaking with a live person, the phone line is monitored daily throughout the workweek and provides information and referrals to callers.

"Transportation is a definite concern for many residents in the County for many different reasons," says Project Coordinator Tina Jackson. "Our region has a patchwork of transportation services to address these needs and this service is meant to connect people with the transportation options that can best meet their needs."

This includes providing one-on-one support in navigating the transportation system, including having a support person travel with a new service user to help take the intimidation out of using a service for the first time. "Several portions of our community are served by transit systems," reports Jackson. "Figuring out how to purchase tickets and where the stops are can be scary. I am able to meet with anyone who is feeling anxious about using a service to help overcome that barrier by travelling with them that first time."

Anyone looking for information on transportation options can visit the website at www.transportationhaliburtoncounty.ca; call 705-455-2665 or toll-free 1-844-771-RIDE (7433).

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