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Serving the Communities of Shelburne County

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To the council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington,

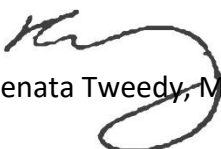
At Sou'West Nova Transit, we are proud to have provided Shelburne County residents with accessible, affordable, and supportive transportation services for over a decade. Our mission is to connect individuals with barriers to transportation with their communities and each other, fostering a sense of belonging and independence while providing access to essential services. Your partnership continues to be crucial to our sustainability and longevity!

From the \$19,000 we received from your council to support our operations in 23-24, we allocated \$7000 for fare reduction, allowing us to offer a 40% automatic discount to any riders living within the Municipality of Barrington. (Note that the 40% subsidy base rate for all Municipal residents is only a portion of the help we provide. Many riders accessing our services are living with extremely low incomes and are eligible for additional fare assistance (from fundraising dollars and other subsidy grants) on a sliding scale based on income. To date in our 2023-24 fiscal year, Municipality of Barrington residents have been granted over \$18,500 in fare reductions!)


As these allocated funds are nearly expended, we are writing to request that your council consider an additional grant of \$2000 to allow us to continue to offer automatic reductions to riders in your Municipality. While this will not fully meet the need for the fiscal year based on ridership trends, it will take some pressure off of other subsidy sources to allow them to stretch further while we continue this important fare reduction program.

Thank you in advance for your consideration, and for your ongoing support!

Sincerely,


Renata Tweedy, Manager, Sou'West Nova Transit Association

4. Please provide a list of your membership including name, position, address and telephone number:


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