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Ministry of Transportation – Community Transportation Grant Program – Municipal Stream

Petawawa, ON – Forty (40) communities across the province of Ontario will be able to provide or improve transportation services for seniors, persons with disabilities, youth and students. A funding program, of \$30 million, dispersed over the next five years, will support local transit or intercommunity bus services to underserved public transit areas.

The Town of Petawawa is pleased to be one of the communities selected to receive \$499,800.00 in funding under the local municipal transportation stream program. The application put forward to the Ministry of Transportation referenced the community consultation forum under the Age Friendly Community Needs Assessment process, undertaken in 2016. Top priorities identified through that process were affordable accessible housing and reasonable transportation service and support to provide for the needs of daily living and community inclusion.

With these objectives in mind, and funding through the Community Transportation Grant program, the Town will be able to work with Carefor Health and Community Services to develop a door to door transportation service to meet the needs of daily living for our vulnerable sectors. Carefor is the lead agency for the Champlain Community Transportation Collaborative in Renfrew County and has been operating for more than ten years. Carefor is a natural partner to implement this program, having the resources and operational capacity to administer and facilitate not only the transportation service but the integrated service system needed to document extensive reporting metrics required as part of the funding reporting.

We look forward to working with the Minister of Transportation and with Carefor to deliver this transportation program. More communications will be available as the project develops and evolves. A target date for implementation is autumn 2018.

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