



PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NEW DOOR TO DOOR DRIVING SERVICE IN THE TANTRAMAR AREA

OFFICIAL LAUNCH – JUNE 6TH

- A 'Door to Door Driving Service' will be available in the Tantramar area starting in June. Tele-Drive Albert County, Rural Rides Petitcodiac/Salisbury and the Volunteer Centre of Southeastern New Brunswick Volunteer Driver Program in partnership with WA Action (formerly WA CIN) has been working together addressing the needs of people who do not have access to reliable and affordable transportation in Westmorland/Albert.
- Tantramar Rural Rides a new pilot will provide door to door services in the Tantramar area for a period of six {6} months. During the pilot, we will be providing transportation for medical appointments, food access and shopping. This new area of service will include Sackville, Aulac, Port Elgin, Dorchester, British Settlement, Centre Village, Midgic and Jolicure.
- Door to Door driving programs are run by non-profits and the groups coordinate volunteer drivers to pick up individuals and bring them back home. Drivers use their own vehicles and are reimbursed for their mileage. Clients are charged for using the service, however, all of our programs have funds set aside to help those who cannot even afford the subsidized rate. The service is designed to reach those people who have fallen through the cracks and accessing transportation is out of their reach due to financial limitations. We have already received driver requests and quoted from one client in need of the service, *'It is hard for me to get a drive. When no one is around I am caught between a rock and hard place because I need to get to my medical appointments. This service will help me get to my appointments without having to call around looking for a drive', Esther Bradley.*
- Currently, door to door services are available in the Upper Petitcodiac River Region, Albert County and an adapted model in Moncton.
- We invite you to attend our 'Launch Party Open House' on June 8th at 4:00 pm at The Sackville Commons Co-op, 64 Main St, Sackville. Drop by to meet Kelly Taylor, Coordinator of Rural Rides Tantramar and enjoy a few refreshments. This is also an opportunity to find out more about our service and perhaps even become a Volunteer Driver. For any additional information you can contact Kelly weekdays from 8:30 am to 4:30 pm at 506-988-2101 or via email at r.r.ruralrides@gmail.com.
** A special thank you to the Commons for their continued support of this new pilot and for sponsoring our 'Open House'.*