

Dufferin County Alternative Transportation Learning Series



PURPOSE STATEMENT

Purpose of this Learning Series:

Inadequate transportation options are a reality for Dufferin County residents and the need to enhance available options has been consistently identified by many different groups, organizations and individuals. The purpose of this four-part learning series is to convene a small, multi-sector group of representatives from Dufferin County to:

1. Develop a **shared understanding** of the current alternative transportation options that exist in Dufferin County;
2. **Learn about possible models** and options for addressing transportation issues that are operating in other rural communities and might offer ideas that can be replicated in Dufferin County; and
3. Establish a **group of local champions** who would be willing to learn together and develop recommendations to enhance transportation options in Dufferin County

Some Guiding Assumptions:

The following assumptions have guided the proposed design of this learning series:

- The most creative solutions for addressing Dufferin's alternative transportation needs will emerge when a committed group of non-profits, businesses, government and caring citizens learn and work together.
- An appreciative approach – which identifies strengths of Dufferin's existing transportation system and builds upon them – will be adopted in our approach to this work.
- We will learn from other jurisdictions, learn from their experiences, and consider collaborative partnerships in generating options to enhance Dufferin's alternative transportation system.
- There is no pre-determined model or solution for rural transportation options that can be transplanted into Dufferin. Ideas from other jurisdictions will need to be adapted and tailored to Dufferin's unique context.
- At the end of this initial series, we do not expect that this group will have “fixed” Dufferin's Transportation issue. We do however anticipate that, by learning together, we will develop some specific recommendations for how Dufferin County can begin to enhance the capacity of its alternative transportation system.

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