

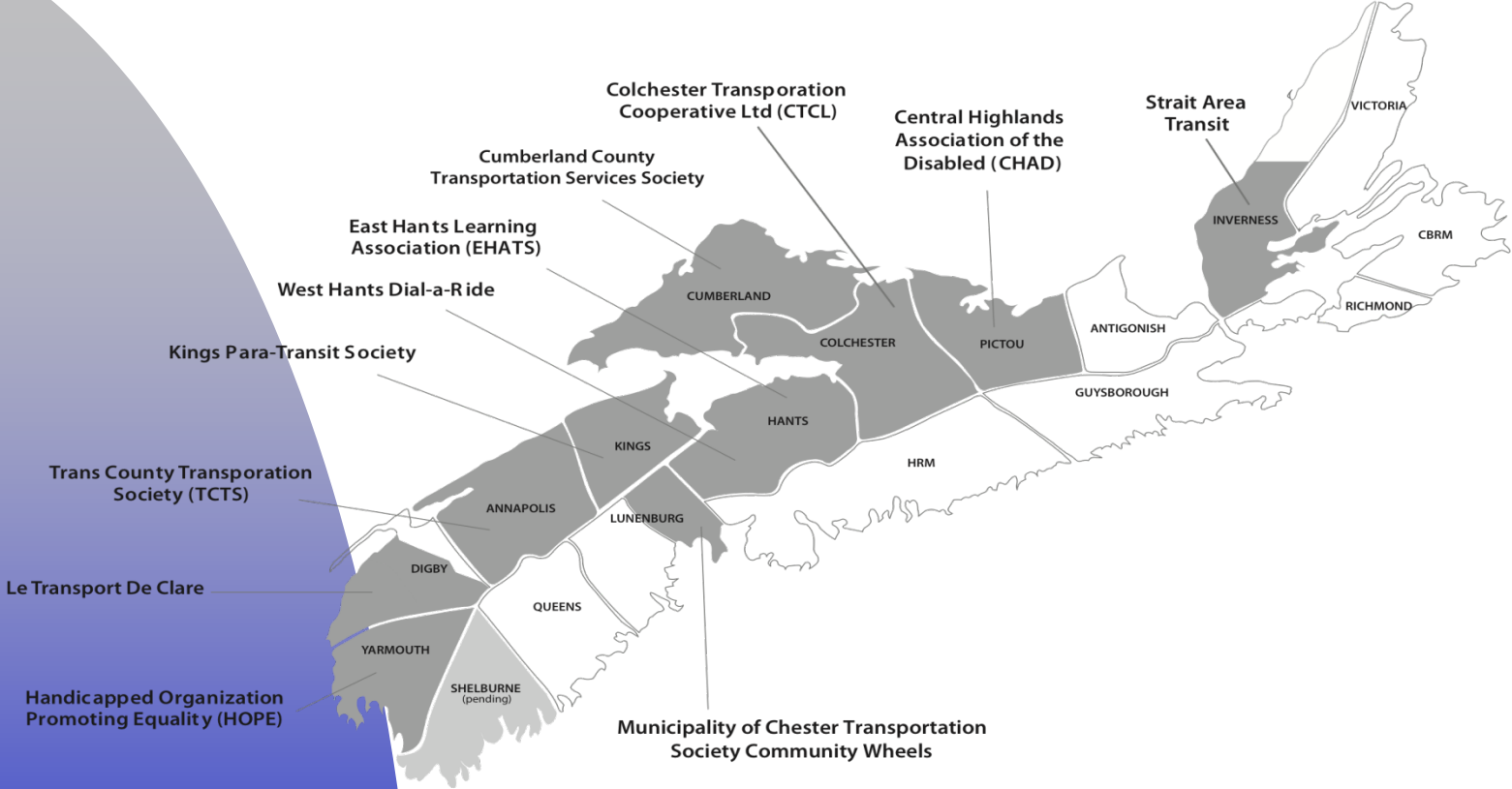
Transport de Clare

Community Transport
since 1996

N.B. Dialogue alternate transportation

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CTAP-Funded Transportation Services



The Basics of Community-Based Transportation

- Mission: To provide Accessible and Affordable Transportation to All. Priorities to Persons with Disabilities, Seniors and Transportation disadvantaged;
- Nonprofit, Community Owned and Governed;
- May Have Multi-layered Financial Support and In-kind Support;
- Door-to-Door & Possible Combination Scheduled Routes.

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- Accessible (YES) and Affordable (IMPROVING, NOT THERE YET)
- Age Friendly Communities
- Employment
- Health
- Social and Community Wellness
- “Green Mobility”
- Tourism and Economic Development

Health Benefits – Public Transit and equity

Personal access to medical, employment and educational opportunities is important, and is partly determined by the ease of reaching those destinations.

Inequities face people too young or old to drive, those who are persons with disabilities , seniors or transportation disadvantaged.

Only public transit can provide the basic level of mobility that these disadvantaged groups need to make important trips to work, school and health care.



Social Benefits

Public transit allows individuals the freedom to travel to social activities, shopping, education, employment and medical appointments.



Nine Pillars

1. Board Governance
2. Charitable Organizations or Co-op
3. Corporate Sponsorship
4. Service Clubs & Foundations Support
5. Market Niche and Opportunities
6. Provincial Funding (CTAP & ATAP)
7. Municipal Funding (OPERATIONAL & FEDERAL GAS TAX)
8. Federal Funding (GRANTS; SUMMER STUDENTS)
9. Peer Support & Best Practices

CT-NS (Community Transit-Nova Scotia)

RTA (Rural Transportation Association)



Successes & Barriers

- Most Respected System in NS (SUCCESS)
- Group Charters and Contracts (SUCCESS)
- Car Stipend (SUCCESS)
- NSURB (Nova Scotia Utility and Review Board) s/b
- Gas \$1.32 per litre = \$5.98 per gallon (BARRIER)
- Roads, Streets and More Roads (BARRIER)
- Unwaged Manager for 17 years (BARRIER)
- Car Culture (1.4 cars per household - Stats Canada) (BARRIER)
- Long Term Care Facilities Owning Vehicles (BARRIER)
- Duplication (BARRIER)

Clare 1996 - Now

- Pioneers of Accessible Community-Based Transportation;
- Expanded from 1 van (1996) to 3 buses and 2 vans, plus Contracts and Charter License (mostly 14 to 18 persons);
- Growth from approximately 14,000 kms annually to approximately 240,000 kms;
- Strong Service Club, Charitable Organization and Corporate Sponsorship for 17 years.

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- Donate approximately **\$12,000** Annually in Subsidized Trips;
- "Win-Win" Situation Serving Both Long-Term Care Facilities: Villa Acadienne, Meteghan and Tideview Terrace, Digby;
- Weymouth Division 2010 & Digby and Area Division 2012;
- Hiring Assistant Manager;
- Strong Sense of Community Ownership and Pride.



Guidelines for Planning a Transit Service:

1. Who will use this service?
2. Where do people in your community travel to, and how?
3. What type and level of service would best suit your community – conventional transit service, door-to-door service, scheduled?

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4. What type of vehicle is most appropriate for your service?



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5. What are the capital costs for this service?
6. What are the annual operating costs for this service?
7. Budget summary and business plan.



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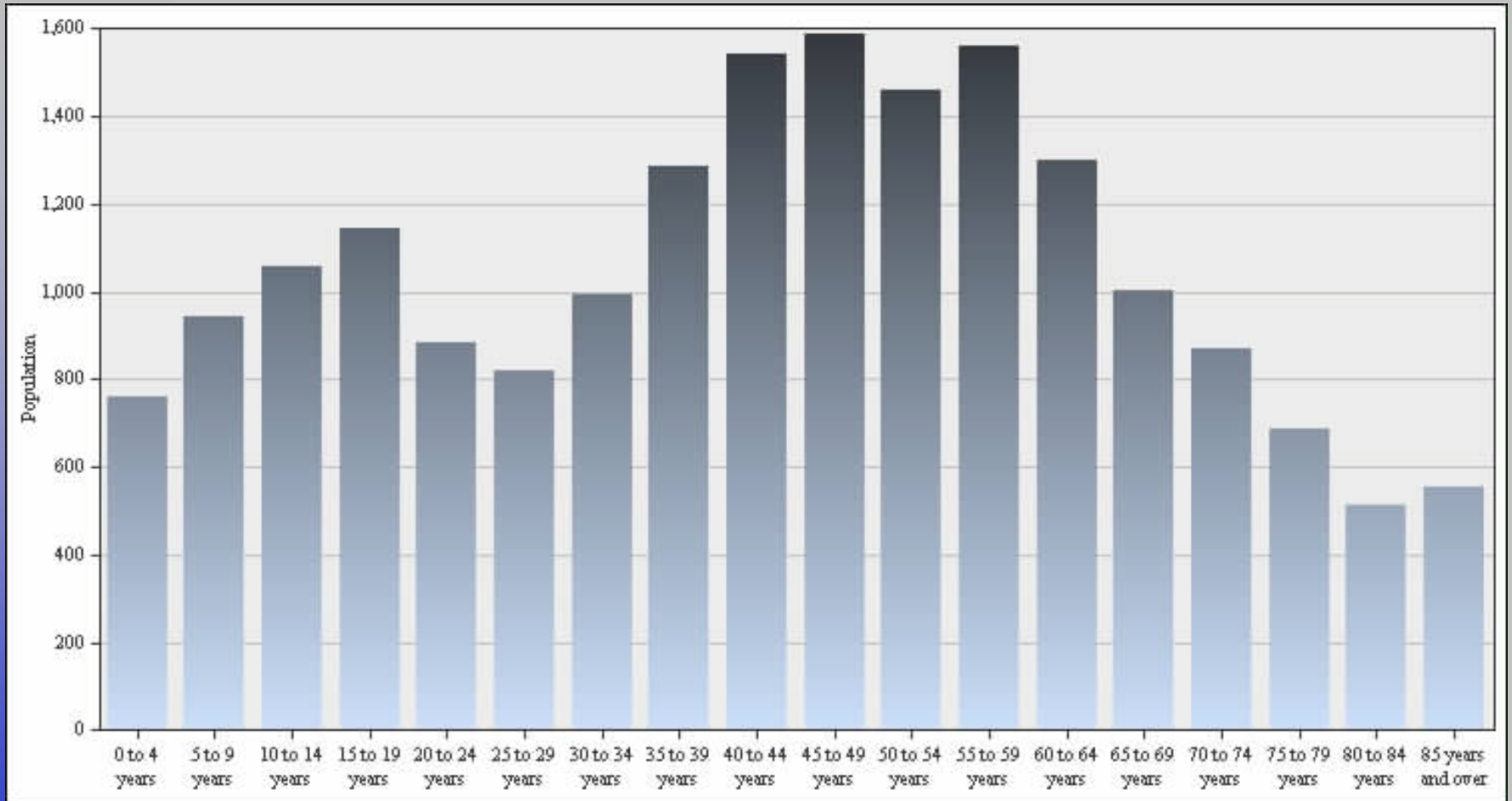
Survey of King's Transit Usage between Weymouth & Cornwallis

Cornwallis to Weymouth										
Location	Time	Adult		Sp. Needs		Youth		Baby		Total
		n	f	n	Off	n	f	n	f	
Cornwallis Mall	7:00									0
Smiths Cove	7:08									0
Digby Super Store	7:15									0
Sobeys/Canadian Tire	7:17									0
Digby Hospital	7:18									0
Digby Downtown Dockville Inn	7:21	1								1
Digby Captains Cabin	7:23									1
Digby Hospital	7:26									1
Sobeys/Canadian Tire	7:27									1
Digby Super Store	7:31									1
Gilberts Cove	7:48	1								2
Exit 28	7:50									2
Weymouth (Foodland)	7:56		2							0

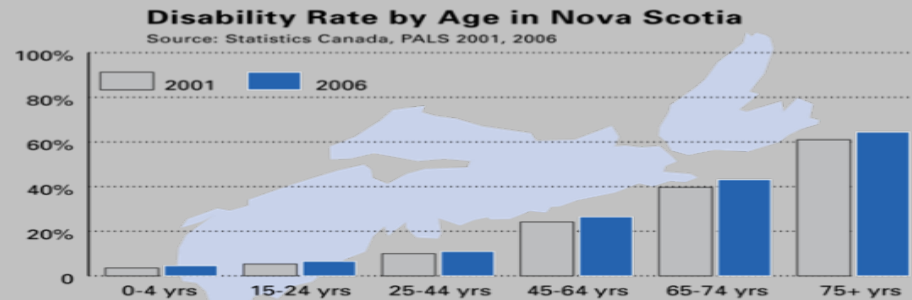
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(1) workers
(1) visiting Weymouth

Population of Digby County 2006



Ageing Rural Population



	2001 Rate %	2006 Rate %
0-14 years	3.5	4.5
15-24 years	5.3	6.5
25-44 years	9.9	10.9
45-64 years	24.1	26.4
65-74 years	39.7	43.1
75+ years	61.0	64.4

- In 2010/11, these 11 services did the following:
 - Excluding CBRM & HRM: covered 382,334 population base;
 - Remaining unserviced are 102,837 - Stats 2011;
 - Travelled 1,485,001 kms;
 - Carried 131,480 passengers;
 - Operated 61 vehicles;
 - Total operating budgets - 2011/12: \$2.75 million;
 - Total CTAP funding - 2011/12: \$520,400.



Barb Everett with tee-shirt and souvenirs of her visit to see singer Reba McEntire.



Barb Everett with some of those whose efforts got her to the Reba McEntire concert in Halifax. Contributed photos

Dream comes true for Digby woman

DUPLICATION

- ★ New Brunswick has a variety of accessible vehicles used by municipal transit services, non-profit community transportation groups, nursing homes, group homes, taxi and bus companies and private consumers but most of these vehicles are under-utilized due to problems related to operating costs, insurance, lack of trained drivers, lack of coordinated dispatch services and general lack of leadership in the community” *
- **”Are We There Yet?: Transportation issues for persons with disabilities and/or older adults living in New Brunswick”*
Premier’s Council on Status of Disabled Persons, 2005

VETERANS PLACE

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Questions & Links

- <http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/muns/infr/ctap.asp>
- <http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/muns/infr/ns-trip.asp>
- Community Transit NS and Rural Transportation Association
- Transport de Clare Transit Enhancement Study
- http://communitytransitns.ca/attachments/article/47/TransportdeClareTransit_Study_31Mar11.pdf
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