

# Community Shuttle Request

Four Counties Transit Board Meeting - January 27, 2025

# Request Summary

The request is proposing a partnership between the Municipality of Southwest Middlesex (SWM) and Four Counties Transportation.

This partnership is proposing a pilot run to facilitate community shuttles for events such as Family Day and support local activities.

# Cost Breakdown

<b>Description</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Mileage (202 km)	\$ 404.00
Bus Driver's Hrs – 6 hrs	\$ 480.00
<b>Total Cost</b>	<b>\$ 884.00</b>

# Recommendations

## **Recommendation #1:**

That the Four Counties Transit Board approves the shuttle service for Family Day at total cost of \$884.00.

## **Recommendation #2:**

That the Four Counties Transit Board approve the shuttle service for Family Day at a 50% discounted rate to reduce financial burdens on the organization while maintaining support for the service.

## **Recommendation #3:**

That the Four Counties Transit Board approve the shuttle service for Family Day and provide it free of charge, with costs distributed among partner municipalities to promote community accessibility.

# Community Impact

- Increased transportation options will likely lead to greater patronage of local businesses.
- A connected community is beneficial for economic growth and sustainability.
- The shuttle service will significantly enhance community connectivity.
- It will enable residents to participate in local events and access essential services.

# Recommendations for Streamlining Future Requests:

- 1. Establish a Subsidy Framework:** Create a cost-sharing formula or policy for shuttle services in collaboration with partner municipalities.
- 2. Develop a Request Evaluation Criteria:** Assess community impact, economic benefits, and alignment with transit objectives for each proposal.
- 3. Develop Annual Planning and Budget Allocation:** Pre-allocate funding in support of similar requests or community events.

**Questions?**