



Dana Mason (left) with public health services, Lucille Harper of the Antigonish Women's Resource Centre, Rachel MacFarlane with Antigonish Community Transit (ACT), Antigonish MLA Maurice Smith, Jerome Grant, chair of ACT, Hugh Haley with ACT and Russell Boucher, Warden of Antigonish County Council, were on-hand at the AWRC for an announcement of provincial funding towards transit groups including ACT. (Richard MacKenzie photo)

Government supports initiatives

Antigonish Community Transit to work on plan

The Antigonish group, Antigonish Community Transit (ACT), is amongst 11 community organizations and municipalities receiving funding from the provincial government for public transit initiatives.

The group is receiving \$30,000 for work to complete studies and towards a business plan.

"Our organization is pleased with the funding we are receiving from the province which will help us move forward with our transit plan and put it into action," Jerome Grant, chair of ACT, said.

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"More Nova Scotians will soon have an easier time getting around their communities thanks to provincial support for

public transit," a release by the province stated.

"Through the Nova Scotia Transit Research Incentive Program, the province is investing more than \$237,000 in feasibility studies, business plans and door-to-door services for transit in rural and unserved urban areas," the release further noted.

Antigonish MLA and Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal (TIR) minister Maurice Smith, on behalf of Service Nova Scotia and Municipal Relations minister John MacDonell, made the announcement regarding the funding at the Antigonish

Women's Resource Centre June 26.

"We know many Nova Scotians need access to transportation to get to work, school, medical appointments, or to visit family and friends," Smith said.

"Having public transit is important to communities throughout the province. This funding will allow 11 community organizations and municipalities to conduct feasibility studies, develop business plans and expand transit systems in their communities."

The program provides up to 100 per cent of eligible costs to a maximum grant of \$50,000 for approved projects.