

EXPLORING POVERTY REDUCTION GAME CHANGER SERIES

GAME CHANGER #3 - TRANSPORTATION

Affordable and accessible public transportation and innovative rural solutions that accommodate and cater to individuals with unique needs.

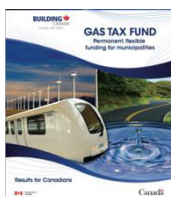
Affordable and accessible transportation impacts communities economically, environmentally, and socially. A key facilitator for community members to access employment and health care, it supports improved physical health and well-being. A robust public transportation system increases people’s capacity to shop for and consume goods and services, and opens doors to education and training, child care, quality food, recreation, and other basic services. It not only works to eliminate barriers faced by people living in poverty, but serves as a golden key to help connect people, deepen involvement and participation in community, and support active and healthy lives for citizens.



**What is a poverty reduction Game Changer? Read: [Sometimes to hear the music you have to turn down the noise.](#)
Have feedback or ideas on our Game Changer exploration? Let us know by filling out this [short survey.](#)**

RECOMMENDATIONS ON BEST PRACTICES AND POLICIES

FEDERAL



[The Federal Gas Tax Fund](#) – Provides predictable, long-term, stable funding for Canadian municipalities to support local infrastructure priorities including those within public transportation.

PROVINCIAL / TERRITORIAL



[Quebec Public Transit Policy: Better Choices for Citizens](#) – Meets the transportation needs of workers, seniors, students, people with reduced mobility, and people with modest incomes.

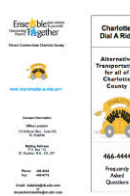
MUNICIPAL

- [Calgary Transit Low Income Monthly Pass](#) – Sliding scale oriented transportation pass.
- [Grand River Transit Reduced Income Rider Program](#) – Discount bus pass for people in low income.
- [Grande Prairie Low Income Transit Access Program](#) – Free monthly passes for people in low income.
- [Guelph Transit Affordable Bus Pass](#) – Lower cost public transportation pass for adults, youths and seniors living in low-income households.
- [Hamilton Affordable Transit Pass Program](#) – Half price monthly transit pass for working residents accessing Ontario Works or the Ontario Disability Support Program.

COMMUNITY



[Northumberland Affordable Transportation for Rural Communities](#) – Wheelchair accessible vans provide families, youth, and seniors with transport for as little as \$5.00 per ride.



[Charlotte County Dial-a-Ride](#) – Community-based partnership that employs volunteer drivers to provide an affordable, accessible, dependable, safe, and inclusive rural transportation option.