

Entry # 8126

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**Type of motion**

Policy Statement

**Policy Book Section**

24: Transportation

**How would this Policy Statement affect the Constitution, Bylaws, or Policy?**

Updates/amends existing item

**Policy to Amend (If Any)**

24.14 "Pay as you drive" I am not in favour of punishing people who drive more than others. They might help non drivers to get to services, they might need to drive to work. There is practically no public transportation in rural and northern Ontario.

<b>Policy Statement Information</b>
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**Title**

Car Sharing and Car Pooling Coordination Hubs for Rural and Northern Communities

**Executive Summary**

Carpooling and car sharing are cost effective; people without a license in rural Ontario are unable to reach all services, work or recreation. Sharing enhances energy efficiency and community building, coordination of already happening parallel trips.

**Preamble**

WHEREAS Ontario's rural and Northern communities have access to ever fewer public transportation options,

**Operative clauses**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the GPO will encourage the creation and ongoing maintenance of car sharing for rural municipalities.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the GPO will work with rural counties to establish a digital booking platform for the coordination of car pooling between vetted participants in an effort to enable transit between communities, access to Southern public transportation corridors as well as to reduce congestion in major cities.

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## Background

### Values

Ecological Wisdom  
Social Justice  
Sustainability

### Impact & Support

Absolutely everyone ; this represents a cultural shift in terms of the perception of privacy and self sufficiency; for older individuals with physical limitations this would offer a dignified way of scheduling trips without inconveniencing the same neighbour and feeling a burden;

### Opposition & Risk

A car pool hub should have a non corporate coordination infrastructure , which includes the vetting of participants (driving record-police check) for added safety; risk re reliability ,weather driving prowess, insurance question;

### Consultations

I admit I have only spoken to people in my radius; I will put a questionnaire into the local monthly paper to see about feed back- I have asked my car insurance about the options for such an arrangement;

### References

I know there is a facebook group , but it lacks the coordination piece: maps and times  
I did a transportation study in the late 1990ies . I had 8 people ( who were in my environmental group in this town of 1000 people) mapped all their trips with days and times for one month. It was astounding how many were parallell. I regularly carpool to recreation ( 60km away).