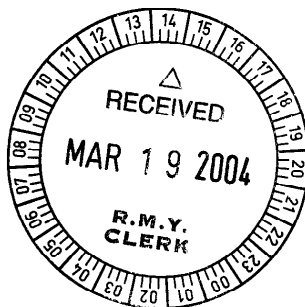


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For your review. If you have further questions, please contact me at (905) 895-3646.
Thank you, Deanna Barnes

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Dear Mr. Fisch:

My name is Deanna Barnes and I am the Clinical Coordinator at the Women's Support Network of York Region. I am writing to you in support of the application that is before you from Transit Georgina. It has come to my attention that they have made an application to further extend a ride subsidy to an increased number of service users, as well as the implementation of the dial-a-ride program. The Women's Support Network would support this application and would like to offer further information with respect to the dire need for these services in the Region.

The Women's Support Network of York Region receives core funding from The Ministry of the Attorney General to provide 24-hour per day crisis line support and individual counselling to women who are survivors of childhood sexual abuse, historical sexual assault, recent sexual assault and sexual harassment. We offer a series of workshops throughout the year on various topics that are connected to sexual violence. On top of these direct client services we provide public education and a volunteer program to members of the Region. There is no fee for service users at the Network. We also provide counselling support to the youth in the Region through our Highschool Outreach Program (which is separately funded) and we have begun a new initiative (funded through the Region of York and United Way) to provide service to the South Asian community, in our Diversity Outreach Program.

We provide support to a number of women who are in isolated parts of the Region. However, due to the lack of transportation and/or affordable transportation, many women are unable to attend for service. We have been working with Transit Georgina to provide transportation to some of the most isolated and vulnerable populations within our Regional boundaries. Without their services, our clients would be even more isolated and unable to seek any type of counselling support. It is imperative to the health of the community that we address the reality of rural transportation. One of the ways that you can do this is to provide further financial assistance to Transit Georgina as outlined in their proposal, so that the socially and physically isolated populations will have access to much needed supports.

I appreciate that you are taking the time to review the information and if you require anything further please feel free to contact me at the Women's Support Network, (905) 895-3646. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

Deanna Barnes
Clinical Coordinator

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