

Pathway to Potential 2021 Lunch & Learn Series

Affordable Pass Program

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PASS Program



PATHWAY TO POTENTIAL

Social Investment Windsor-Essex



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Pathway to Potential: Social Investment in Windsor-Essex

- In 2009, Pathway to Potential (P2P) was established by the City of Windsor and County of Essex in response to addressing the needs of children and families living in poverty.
- In 2017, P2P was recalibrated and became a 9-point social investment plan, focused on essential social investments in residents, neighbourhoods and the larger community. As part of this plan, P2P acknowledges the great work being done in our community, by municipal programs and community partners.
- Today's Lunch & Learn focuses on the Affordable Pass Program (APP), available with Transit Windsor and funded by Pathway to Potential.
 - The APP is intended to remove transportation barriers for individuals living on a low-income.



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CONTACT TRANSIT WINDSOR TO APPLY

#1 Eligibility

Program eligibility is based on annual household income.

#2 Funding

Funding is limited & based on a first come first serve basis.

#3 Pay 51%

The registrant is responsible to pay 51% of a regular full-price bus pass at the time of purchase.

Affordable Pass Program

Background

- The Affordable Pass Program (APP) provides a **discount toward the purchase of a 30-day bus pass** for:
 - Individuals receiving social assistance benefits – Ontario Works (OW) or Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP); and
 - Eligible families living with low income.
- The APP **covers 49% of the cost for a full-price monthly bus pass** and registrants pay the remaining 51% at the time of purchase.



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Who is Eligible?

- **Residents of Windsor-Essex County** may qualify for the Affordable Pass.
 - Note: Post-Secondary students are not eligible for this program.
 - Please contact Transit Windsor to inquire about the Semester Pass.
- **Low-income Households** whose combined income is less than Statistics Canada - Low Income Cut-off (LICO)
 - Population that is eligible for P2P funding
 - Includes Permanent Residents living in Windsor-Essex
- **Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) recipients**
- **Ontario Works (OW) recipients**, if they are not provided a pass by Social Services

Proof of Income

- **LICO documentation to be used includes:**
 - Notice of Assessment from Canada Revenue Agency.
 - Canada/Ontario Child Tax Benefit Notice - required for dependants.
 - Ontario Trillium Benefit (OTB) Notice.
 - Goods and Service Tax/Harmonized Sales Tax (GST/HST) Credit Notice.
 - Confirmation of Permanent Residency (for Newcomers to Canada)
 - Can be used for first year of application, until client is able to file taxes in Canada and receive their Notice of Assessment
- **ODSP and OW recipients can submit proof of benefits (medical/dental and payment stub):**
 - All names on the stub may be eligible to purchase an affordable pass, once the application is approved.
 - ODSP/OW clients with dependants that are not on their benefit stub will also need to show proof of their dependants by submitting a copy of the Canada/Ontario Child Tax Benefit Notice or the Harmonized Sales Tax Benefit Notice

Household Income

- **Every member of the household needs to submit their gross income** (line 150) from the individual's Notice of Assessment.
- For all dependants younger than 18 years, proof of Canada/Ontario Child Tax Benefit Notice OR Goods and Service Tax/Harmonized Sales Tax (GST/HST) Credit Notice is required

Statistics Canada Low Income Cut-offs - Before Tax - 2020

SIZE OF FAMILY UNIT	MAXIMUM FAMILY INCOME LEVEL
1 PERSON	\$22,926
2 PERSONS	\$28,540
3 PERSONS	\$35,087
4 PERSONS	\$42,600
5 PERSONS	\$48,315
6 PERSONS	\$54,493
7 OR MORE PERSONS	\$60,670

How to Apply

- APP Applications are available at the:
 - **Windsor International Transit Terminal**, 300 Chatham Street West (at Church)
 - **Transit Centre**, 3700 North Service Road East (at Central)
 - OR Online: [APP Application Form](#)
- **Applicants will need to submit proof of their eligibility to Transit Windsor with their application:**
 - Submit photocopies of Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) documents page 1 and 2
 - CRA My Account records are also accepted
 - Photocopy of Confirmation of Permanent Residence paperwork
 - Photocopy of ODSP or OW benefits statement

Application Form

Transit Affordable Pass Program (APP) Application



To qualify for the Affordable Pass Program (APP) you need to provide **proof of your household income**. Household income is defined as the total income of all members of a household aged 15 years or older. Household members do not have to be related. Eligibility is **ONLY** extended to residents of Essex County. **Documentation for every member of the household must be submitted for this application to be processed.**

OFFICE USE ONLY

- Approved
 Denied

Registration #: _____
 Reason: _____

Valid Until: _____ Date: _____ Initial: _____

Section "A" – Application (Please Print. Shaded fields are required.)

If this is an application for renewal please place a checkmark here

Last Name			First Name			
Address:	Apt. #	Street Address		City	Postal Code	
Age: _____	Day	Month	Year	Telephone Number	Email Address	
Date of Birth:						
Marital Status	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married/Common Law <input type="checkbox"/> Separated/Divorced					
Please indicate which applies to you: <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> College/University				Do you already own a Bus Pass?		
<input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Institution Name: _____				<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		

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Section "B" – Spouse/Partner (Please Print)

Last Name				First Name			
Age: _____	Day	Month	Year	Telephone Number		Email Address	
Date of Birth:							
Please indicate which applies to you: <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> College/University						Do you already own a Bus Pass?	
<input type="checkbox"/> Work <input type="checkbox"/> N/A Institution Name:						<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Section "C" – List all other household members

Last Name				First Name			
Age: _____	Day	Month	Year	Telephone Number		Please indicate which applies to you: <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> Work	
Date of Birth:						<input type="checkbox"/> College/University <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Institution Name:							
Last Name				First Name			
Age: _____	Day	Month	Year	Telephone Number		Please indicate which applies to you: <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> Work	
Date of Birth:						<input type="checkbox"/> College/University <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Institution Name:							
Last Name				First Name			
Age: _____	Day	Month	Year	Telephone Number		Please indicate which applies to you: <input type="checkbox"/> High School <input type="checkbox"/> Work	
Date of Birth:						<input type="checkbox"/> College/University <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	
Institution Name:							

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Section "D" – Income

To be eligible for the Transit Windsor Affordable Pass Program (APP), household before tax income must be below the amount shown in the Statistics Canada Low-Income Cut-Off Table.

Circle your household size and income.

- Include **2020 proof of income for yourself and every member of your household.** Applicants must provide a photocopy of a NOA - include line 150, ODSP – monthly benefits statement or OW–monthly benefits statement, with the signed application form.
- Include a copy of your most recent Child Tax Benefit or HST Notice (pages 1 and 2) for all dependants.

Applications can be dropped off in person at the customer service counter Transit Windsor, 300 Chatham Street West, or LaSalle Civic Centre, 5950 Malden Road
Mail to: APP - 3700 North Service Road East, Windsor, Ontario N8W 5X2.

For more information, contact Transit Windsor at (519) 944-4111.

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Section "E" – Program Evaluation

How did you hear about the Affordable Bus Pass Program? (Please check all that apply)

- Bus Ad
 Ontario Works Office
 Poster
 Radio/TV/Newspaper
 Bus Schedule Ad
 Word of Mouth
 Website (Which One?) _____
 Other (Please Specify) _____

What will be the main use of this bus pass?

- Work
 School
 Medical
 Leisure
 Other _____

Submitting an Application

- Applications and documents can be **dropped off in person** at the Windsor International Transit Terminal (300 Chatham Street West), OR
- **Mailed to:**
APP
3700 North Service Road East
Windsor, Ontario N8W 5X2
- **Note:** All applications must be signed and dated by the primary applicant and their spouse.



Thank you!

Have any Questions?



APP Contact Information

Email: transitapp@citywindsor.ca

Phone: 519-255-6100 ext. 6637

Location: Windsor International Transit Terminal, 300 Chatham St. W.

Website: www.transitwindsor.ca



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