

NOVA SCOTIA REGULATORY AND APPEALS BOARD**IN THE MATTER OF THE MOTOR CARRIER ACT****-and-****IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION of SOU'WEST NOVA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION** for issue of a Motor Carrier License**NOTICE OF APPLICATION**

TAKE NOTICE THAT SOU'WEST NOVA TRANSIT ASSOCIATION of Barrington, Nova Scotia, made an application which was received by the Clerk of the Board on April 1, 2026, for the issue of a Motor Carrier License, to operate one (1) 18 passenger vehicle under the rates and authorities specified in the attached Appendix 'A'.

PUBLICATION DATE: Wednesday, April 15, 2026, issue of the Royal Gazette.

A copy of the application may be seen at the Offices of the Board, 1601 Lower Water Street, Suite 300, Halifax, Nova Scotia, or on the Board's website at <https://nserbt.ca/nsrab> , click on "Matters & Evidence", "Go To Files & Documents", and in the "Go Directly to Matter" search box, insert Matter No. **M12769**.

Anyone wishing to object to this application must file it in writing with the Board no later than **Wednesday, April 22, 2026**. Objections shall include a summary of each reason for opposing the application. Objections may be filed by regular mail to the above address; by fax to (902) 424-3919. or submitted using our secure file transfer service available on the Board's website at <https://board.titanfile.com/NSRAB/>.

If no objections are received, the Board may grant the application without a public hearing.

If any objections are received, the public hearing of the application will be set.

DATED at Halifax, Nova Scotia this 13th day of April 2026.

Clerk of the Board

Appendix 'A'

SCHEDULE A – ROUTES

Province of Nova Scotia (originating or concluding in Shelburne County)

SCHEDULE B – AREAS

Province of Nova Scotia

SCHEDULE C – TIMETABLE

No set schedule

SCHEDULE D – RATES

D(1) - Rates

	Live km/person	Deadhead km/trip	Wait/Idle Time/person
Single Passenger 0-300 km	\$0.75	\$0.75/person	\$5.00/15 Min.
Single Passenger 300 km+	\$0.65	\$0.65/person	\$5.00/15 Min.
Multi-passenger 0-300 km	\$0.50	\$0.50/person	\$5.00/15 Min.
Multi-passenger 300 km +	\$0.45	\$0.45/person	\$5.00/15 Min.

One Way Trips: Person pays the total of Live and Deadhead kilometre charges.

Round Trips: Person pays the total of Live Kilometre and Idle or Waiting Time charges.

Attendants: ride free of charge.

Definitions:

Live Kilometres: kilometres travelled with passengers on the vehicle.

Deadhead Kilometres: kilometres travelled without passengers on the vehicle on

one-way trips from the drop-off point to either the pick-up point or the parking location for the bus, whichever is less. No deadhead charges for kilometres travelled from the parking location to the original pick-up point.

Wait/Idle Time: refers to any period of time over fifteen (15) minutes (non-accumulative) between the scheduled pick-up time and the actual pick-up time (for one way) or return time (for

round trips) that the bus is idle. This includes wait time in cases where the bus and driver are waiting to provide return trip services.

Parking Location: is one of the following locations where the Association determines the bus should be parked within Shelburne County.

D(2) CHARTER RATES

Restriction: The rates are restricted to:

- (a) Single day trips; and/or
- (b) Applies to an individual or organized group of persons, who have transportation challenges, including persons with mobility issues, medical/health problems, or persons economically disadvantaged; seniors residing in Shelburne County; and for community services and/or
- (c) Applies to an individual or organized group of persons, who reside in Shelburne County and require transportation for community arranged events.

Rates:

	Live km	Deadhead km	Hourly	Minimum	Overnight Stay
18 passenger Mini-Bus	\$0.75	\$0.75	\$30.00	\$100.00	\$150.00

The charter party shall pay the greater of:

- (a) Live and Deadhead Kilometre rates plus Hourly Rate charges; or
- (b) the Minimum Charge.

Additional Charges

1. Driver's meals shall be billed at \$15.00/meal, unless paid by customer.
2. Bridges, ferries, parking and attractions.
3. A \$50.00 deposit fee may be required at time of booking, at the discretion of the carrier.
4. If cancellation occurs within two (2) weeks of scheduled booking, the deposit is nonrefundable.
5. Fuel Surcharge: If the price of fuel is more than \$0.20/litre more than the previous month's average, a \$0.05/km fee will be applied to all rates. The average starting price is \$1.65/litre. Any price for unleaded fuel below \$1.65/litre will default to our pricing schedule without a premium.

Definitions

Live Kilometres: kilometres travelled with passengers on the vehicle.

Deadhead Kilometre:

- (a) **One Way within County:** charge for each kilometre travelled without passengers on the vehicle on one-way trips from the drop-off point to either the pick-up point or the parking location for the bus, whichever is less. No deadhead charges for kilometres travelled from the parking location to the original pick-up point.
- (b) **Pick-up point outside of Shelburne County:** charge for each kilometre travelled by the bus from its parking location to the pick-up point outside of Shelburne County and returning the vehicle back to the parking location, whether the trip is one way or return.

Wait/Idle Time: refers to any period of time over fifteen (15) minutes (non-accumulative) between the scheduled pick-up time and the actual pick-up time (for one way) or return time (for round trips) that the bus is idle. This includes wait time in cases where the bus and driver are waiting to provide return trip services.

Hourly: the hourly rate applies to any portion of an hour.

Senior: Person 50 years of age or older.

Community Services: includes services aiding Shelburne County communities such as groups for recreation or community services and/or Long-Term Care Facilities and/or charters by the Municipality and/or the Town of Shelburne, Town of Lockeport, Town of Clark's Harbour, Municipality of the District of Barrington, and Municipality of the District of Shelburne for activities such as improving economic development.

D(3) SHOPPING DAY RATES

- (a) Yarmouth Area (one trip per week) - \$20.00 per person, round trip
- (b) Bridgewater Area (one trip per week) - \$20.00 per person, round trip

All services must be pre-booked at least 24 hours in advance. Persons travelling as an attendant: No Charge.

D(4) PROMOTIONAL RATES

- (a) Shelburne County to Yarmouth or Bridgewater - \$20.00 per person, round trip
- (b) Shelburne County to Halifax - \$40.00 per person, round trip

Note, up to four promotional trips per year will be offered during the holiday season to promote increased ridership and service awareness.

SCHEDULE E - VEHICLES

E(1) one 18-passenger bus; 2 wheelchair accessible seats and 16 passenger seats.

SCHEDULE F - AUTHORITIES

F(1) SPECIALTY IRREGULAR RESTRICTED AREA PUBLIC PASSENGER SERVICE:

The transportation of any person(s) from Shelburne County to any point within the Province of Nova Scotia one way or return.

F(2) SPECIALTY IRREGULAR RESTRICTED AREA PUBLIC PASSENGER CHARTER SERVICE:

The transportation of any individual or organized group to or from Shelburne County to any point within the Province of Nova Scotia, one way, return or the reverse thereof.

F(3) SPECIALTY IRREGULAR AREA PUBLIC PASSENGER SERVICE:

The transportation of pre-booked passengers from Shelburne County to locations within Shelburne County for shopping and access to services and events, on pre-scheduled trips arranged by the carrier based on demand and need.

F(4) SPECIALTY IRREGULAR AREA PUBLIC PASSENGER SERVICE:

The transportation of pre-booked passengers from Shelburne County to Yarmouth, Bridgewater or Halifax for up to four promotional trips per year arranged by the carrier based on demand and need during the holiday season, between November 1st and December 25th.