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## **PRESS RELEASE**

### **BayRides Has Its First Full-time Driver**

BayRides is very happy to announce that Hans Stokkeskog has been hired as Head Driver and Fleet Manager. He is a great addition to BayRides, not only because of his professional driving experience and knowledge of vehicles, but also his familiarity with the St. Margaret's Bay area.

"It's the perfect job," Hans says, "because I love driving and I love having conversations with people from all around St. Margaret's Bay where I have lived for most of my life."

Most BayRides clients will have already met the four part-time paid drivers: Dennis Welsh, Don Totten, Phil MacLellan, and Luggard Gordon. There are also eight volunteer drivers who use their own cars and are paid 40 cents a kilometer. BayRides would like to recruit four more volunteer drivers.

Volunteer drivers are an essential part of the BayRides service because they help keep costs down. It is always more efficient to use a car, rather than a bus or a van to transport one person. The ridership of BayRides has changed considerably over the past year. About 40 percent of the trips now take individuals to their workplace in the community and almost 20 percent of the trips connect with the Metro X bus stop at Exit 5.

BayRides provides service from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. from Monday to Friday. A volunteer driver does not have to be on call five days a week. He or she can choose a block of time when they would be available for driving. As Gary Meade, a well-known volunteer driver says, "Being a volunteer driver with BayRides is a valuable experience which I highly recommend to a community-minded individual. The extraordinary benefits to our citizens, both young and elderly, are well worth the small investment in time."

For further information on becoming a volunteer driver, please call or email Lynn: (902) 820-6600 or [dispatch@bayrides.ca](mailto:dispatch@bayrides.ca)

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