

TINY TRAVEL PLANNING

What is Tiny Travel Planning?

Tiny Travel Planning addresses the issues of sustainability, safety and health associated with the daycare trip using a collaborative community-based approach. Key community stakeholders (municipalities, police, health professionals, parents, educators and children) from the daycare work together with a community based Tiny Travel Planning Facilitator(s) to identify and solve the daycare transportation problems. Physical and attitudinal barriers to walking, cycling and transit are addressed. All aspects of how children and parents travel to and from the daycare are investigated and documented.

Benefits of Tiny Travel Planning

Tiny Travel Planning aims to decrease the number of car trips and increase the number of parents and children using sustainable transportation to arrive and depart from the daycare resulting in

- Increased activity levels amongst children and parents
- Increased social equity by eliminating barriers and providing a variety of transport options for parents with young children
- Reduced congestion and greenhouse gas emissions by encouraging a shift in parents' travel behaviour from single occupancy vehicle use to more sustainable alternatives
- Modified future oriented transportation behaviour for toddlers by creating sustainable transportation habits early
- A growing sustainable transportation community and a more appealing municipality to live, work and play.

In addition to all the direct benefits of Tiny Travel Planning, pending approvals, participating daycare receive an honourarium \$300 to be used to implement aspects of the final sustainable transportation plan such as bike racks, signage, program materials, safety vests, etc.

How does the Tiny Travel Planning Process Work?

The Tiny Travel Planning process consists of:

- A site visit and analysis
- A hands up survey with children
- A survey for parents
- A walkabout of the site with daycare stakeholders (parents, teachers, and transportation officials)

At the end of the study the daycare will be presented with a sustainable transportation plan that will include the study results, transportation barriers identified by parents and recommendations on how the facility can become more friendly to parents who partake in sustainable transportation.

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Daycare Responsibilities

Daycares are expected to contribute the following to the project:

- Staff Time: The director should participate in the community walkabout. Daycare teachers are required to administer the hands up survey
- Parent Time: Parents should complete the parents survey and if (available) participate in the community walkabout
- Meeting Space: Use of a room to hold meetings as needed
- Enthusiasm and Commitment: The success of Tiny Travel Planning relies on daycare champions to lead the facilities effort, setting a positive tone about the project for the rest of the community

Tiny Travel Planning Facilitator

Participating daycares will enjoy the support of a community based Tiny Travel Plan Facilitator (s) who will guide the process from providing expertise, coordinating project activities, answering questions, and liaising with community stakeholders

The community based Tiny Travel Planning Facilitator(s) will link daycares with any recourse materials needed.

Have Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact:

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