

# CITY OF CHIPPEWA FALLS, WISCONSIN

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

In accordance with the provisions of the Wisconsin State Statutes, Sec. 19.84, notice is hereby given that a public meeting of:

### Committee #3 **Transportation, Construction, Public Safety and Traffic**

Will be held on Monday, May 17, 2021 at 9:00 am, Council Chambers, City Hall, 30 West Central Street, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Items of business to be discussed or acted upon at this meeting are shown on the agenda below:

1. **Discuss reinstating process to temporarily extend a premises in relation to alcohol beverage licenses due to COVID-19. Possible recommendations to the Council.**
2. **Discuss Mutual Aid Agreement between Chippewa Falls Fire and Emergency Services and Chippewa County Fire and Emergency Services. Possible recommendations to the Council.**
3. **Discuss Agreement for Ambulance Mutual Aid between Chippewa Falls Fire and Emergency Services and Eau Claire Fire Department. Possible recommendations to the Council.**
4. **Discuss request of Penny Sorensen of American Phoenix Transport to operate a privately-owned bus shuttle service on a fixed route within the City. Possible recommendations to the Council.**
5. **Adjournment.**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A MAJORITY OF THE CITY COUNCIL MAY BE PRESENT AT THIS MEETING TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT A SUBJECT OVER WHICH THEY HAVE DECISION MAKING RESPONSIBILITY.  
NOTE: REASONABLE ACCOMMODATIONS FOR PARTICIPATION BY INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WILL BE MADE UPON REQUEST. FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION OR TO REQUEST THIS SERVICE, CONTACT THE CITY CLERK AT 726-2719.

Please note that attachments to this agenda may not be final and are subject to change. This agenda may be amended as it is reviewed.

TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PARTICIPATE DIRECTLY IN THE MEETING, PLEASE CONTACT THE CITY CLERK AT 715-726-2719 IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING.

#### CERTIFICATION OF OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER

I hereby certify that a copy of this notice has been posted on the City Hall bulletin board and a copy has been given to the Chippewa Herald on May 14, 2021 at 4:15 pm by BNG.



**APPLICATION FOR TEMPORARY EXTENSION  
OF PREMISES DUE TO COVID-19**  
This permit expires on September 7, 2020 at 8:00 pm  
Permit # \_\_\_\_\_

**1. APPLICANT INFORMATION**

(a) NAME (Name of Corporation, LLC, Partnership, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

(b) TRADE NAME (dba): \_\_\_\_\_

(c) LICENSED ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

(d) NAME OF OWNER: \_\_\_\_\_

(e) NAME AND ADDRESS OF AGENT OR PERSON IN CHARGE: \_\_\_\_\_

	First	M.I.	Last
Address _____			
(Street)	(City)	(State)	(Zip)

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

(f) RECEIVED CONSENT OF OWNER IF APPLICANT IS OTHER THAN THE OWNER: YES: \_\_\_ NO: \_\_\_

Written confirmation of the property owner, in the event the property is not owned by the applicant, of consent to expand the premise description must be included.

**2. REQUESTED TEMPORARY PREMISE DESCRIPTION**

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(a) Detailed Floor Plan Included (***\*\*Please attach a separate, scaled illustration or draw a diagram of physical layout of extended premises, including serving area, with this application\*\****) If expansion will be into a parking lot, must identify the number of parking stalls lost. No loss of handicapped parking stalls will be allowed.

(b) Days of Operation for Extended Area: \_\_\_\_\_

(c) Hours of Operation for Extended Area (must be no earlier than 11:00 am and no later than 8:00 pm): \_\_\_\_\_

(d) Proposed Additional Capacity for Extended Area: \_\_\_\_\_

**3. SIGNATURE OF OWNER OR AGENT**

**I understand that this application is for a TEMPORARY change of premises only, and that at 8:00 pm on September 7 2020, the premises description will automatically revert to the premises description as it was prior to this change.**

I hereby make the above application for an extension of licensed premise as described above and declare under penalties of law that the information provided in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and agree to abide by the requirements.

X: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Agent or Representative)

TO BE COMPLETED BY CITY STAFF

Police Chief Review: Granted: \_\_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_\_ Initials: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Denial: \_\_\_\_\_

City Council Review: Granted: \_\_\_\_\_ Denied: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Denial: \_\_\_\_\_

City Clerk Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Issued: \_\_\_\_\_



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**City of Chippewa Falls Temporary Extension of Premises  
Due to COVID-19  
Application Guidelines**

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- Applicant must have a current alcohol license and not be delinquent as relates to taxes, assessments, and claims owed the City.
- Applicant must provide a separate, scaled illustration or diagram of physical layout of temporary extended outdoor premises, including number of tables and seats in the serving area.
- Days of the week and anticipated hours of operation for the temporary extended outdoor premises must be stated as part of the application process, but shall not exceed 11:00 am – 8:00 pm daily.
- Written confirmation of the property owner, in the event the temporary expanded outdoor premises is not owned by the applicant, of consent to expand the premises description must be provided.
- Adequate fencing and/or delineation of temporary extended outdoor premises will be required.
- If a use is near a public sidewalk it must allow a minimum of 36" for pedestrian traffic and be ADA compliant.
- The intent of this temporary extension is to allow patrons to consume an alcoholic beverage while dining and prohibits standing or congregating outside of the establishment while consuming alcohol.
- Alcohol shall only be served to patrons by an employee of the establishment.
- City ordinances prohibiting the possession/consumption of open intoxicants by those aged 21 or older on streets/sidewalks shall be temporarily suspended for those establishments approved for a temporary extension of premises and within that described premises only. The ordinances are otherwise, at all times, and in all respects, still in full force and effect in the City.
- The use and site changes cease on September 7, 2020 and applicants must dismantle the temporary extended premise areas by September 7, 2020 at 8:00 pm.

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY FIRE AND EMERGENCY  
SERVICES MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT**

This Chippewa County Fire and Emergency Services Mutual Aid Agreement (the "*Agreement*") is made this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 2021, between the Anson Fire Department, Bloomer Fire Department, Boyd-Edson-Delmar Rural Fire District, Cadott Area Fire & Rescue, Chippewa Falls Fire & Emergency Service Department, Chippewa Fire District, Cornell Area Fire Department Inc., Eagle Point Fire Department, New Auburn Fire Department, Stanley Fire Department, Tilden Fire Department, and Wheaton Fire Rescue Department, all located within Chippewa County, Wisconsin (each a "*Party*" and collectively, the "*Parties*").

**WHEREAS**, each Party maintains various fire trucks, fire apparatus, and firefighting equipment and have firefighters who respond to fire and emergency calls;

**WHEREAS**, the Parties are desirous of providing the best available protection within their jurisdictions in the event of fire or other similar emergencies through the mutual resources of the Parties and for the respective mutual benefit of the people and properties served by each Party;

**WHEREAS**, the Parties are empowered to enter into this Agreement pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes §§ 60.55, 62.11(5) and 66.0301.

**NOW THEREFORE**, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises herein contained, the Parties agree as follows:

1. **Definitions.**
  - A. "*Requesting Party*" means that Party requesting aid as provided herein.
  - B. "*Responding Party*" means that Party responding to a call for assistance as provided herein.
  - C. "*Member*" means a Party and any officers, employees, agents, or representatives of the Party.
2. **Authority to request aid.** The Parties authorize their respective fire chiefs or, in the absence of the fire chief, the senior officer or other member in charge, to request and afford mutual aid from and to any other Party upon request; provided, however, that the Responding Party may withdraw at any time for the purpose of responding to an emergency within its own jurisdiction. Nothing contained herein shall be construed to require any Party to materially impair the providing of fire and emergency service within its own jurisdiction. Where mutual aid is called, it shall be described and specified as such by the personnel described in this paragraph.
3. **Territory to be serviced.** The territory subject to this Agreement shall be those areas lying within both the jurisdiction of the Parties and Chippewa County, Wisconsin.
4. **Misplaced emergency calls.** When a Party receives calls to respond to a fire or

other emergencies outside of its jurisdiction, the following shall apply:

- A. The Party which received the call shall refer the call to the appropriate Party with jurisdiction when the Party with jurisdiction is reasonably apparent; otherwise, the Party receiving the call shall respond to the emergency.
  - B. The Party receiving the emergency call shall immediately notify the appropriate Party if the Party receiving the emergency call does not intend to respond.
  - C. The notification requirements of this section are satisfied by the making of any communication which is reasonably calculated to inform the appropriate Party of the emergency.
  - D. There shall be no payment between the Parties for any response made outside of the jurisdiction of a Party under the circumstances described in this section.
5. **Failure to respond.** There shall be no liability for failure to respond, or failure to respond in a timely manner, to any fire or other emergency after a call is made where: (1) the road or other conditions or events beyond the control of a Party prevent such a response, and (2) firefighting or actual or potential emergency or other needs or requirements exist within the territory of the Party that fails to respond which impair or prevent a timely response.
6. **On-scene duties.**
- A. The chief of the Requesting Party or, in the absence of the chief, the senior officer or other Requesting Party Member in charge shall assume command of firefighting operations at the scene of the emergency.
  - B. The chief of the Responding Party or, in the absence of the chief, the senior officer or other Responding Party Member in charge shall supervise the personnel, and the use of the apparatus, equipment, and material of the Responding Party.
  - C. All Parties shall act in mutual cooperation and consistently with the spirit of this agreement and the overall firefighting operation undertaken by the Requesting Party.
7. **Lost or mislaid equipment.** Each Party shall exercise due diligence in returning lost or mislaid equipment and material to the appropriate Party.
8. **Expenses.** No Party shall be held liable to another Party for damages, loss of equipment, injury to personnel or payment of compensation arising as a result of assistance rendered in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, provided that the Requesting Party shall be obligated to reimburse a Responding Party for the cost of oil, fuel and foam actually, reasonably and necessarily supplied by the Responding Party and used or consumed in connection with a response under this Agreement. If a Member of any Party is injured or killed while the Party is acting as a Responding Party hereunder, including travel to and from the scene of the emergency to which response is being made, the employer of the Member shall be liable for the same compensation and benefits that would

apply if the emergency where within the Member's own jurisdiction.

9. **Insurance.** Each Party shall obtain and maintain in force during the term of this Agreement public liability insurance having a single limit of at least \$1,000,000 (one million dollars). Each Party shall provide proof of said insurance coverage to the other Parties on an annual basis.
10. **Indemnification and hold harmless.** Subject to the limitations and defenses set forth in Wis. Stat. §§ 893.80 and 345.05, each Party shall indemnify, save and hold harmless the other Parties, and their respective officers, employees agents and representatives from any liability (including statutory liability and liability under worker's compensation or other occupational disease law), claim, action, loss, cost, damage, injury, death, or expense, including reasonable attorney's fees, due to the negligence of its Members arising out of or resulting from the rendering of aid under this Agreement.
11. **Training.** Mutual aid training shall be undertaken from time to time in accordance with arrangements mutually agreeable to the respective Parties.
12. **Equipment.** This Agreement shall not modify the title to, or the ownership of, any apparatus or equipment. Each Party shall be solely responsible for the storage, upkeep, maintenance, repair, and replacement of its equipment. Each Party shall maintain a current inventory of its equipment. A Requesting Party may request the use of specific equipment from a Responding Party to be used in connection with specific emergencies.
13. **Term of Agreement and renewal.** The term of this Agreement shall commence upon the execution of this document by all Parties and shall continue in effect for one year from such date, and it shall be renewed automatically for like and successive terms of one year unless a Party notifies the others in writing at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the annual term of its intention to terminate the Agreement. If a Party provides such notice, the Agreement shall continue for the remaining Parties as stated herein until only one Party wishes to continue the Agreement.
14. **Amendment.** This Agreement may be amended at any time by mutual Agreement of all Parties.
15. **Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated by any Party upon the failure or refusal of a Party to observe each and every covenant in the Agreement. Prior to such termination, notice shall be given to all Parties. Such notice shall name the Party in breach of the Agreement and indicate the nature of the breach and provide a reasonable period of time, but not less than thirty (30) days from the date notice is received, to correct or eliminate such breach. If, upon the expiration of such period of time, the breach continues to exist, the Party giving notice and any other Party may declare this Agreement to be terminated and of no further effect with respect to their participation in the Agreement; provided,

that any financial obligation then outstanding between the parties shall survive this Agreement and shall continue after such termination.

16. **Notice.** Any notice required to be given under this Agreement shall be provided to the fire chief of a participating Party by U.S. Mail.

*Signature Page Follows*

For the Fire Department:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

For the Governing Body:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

Clerk Attest:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name Printed: \_\_\_\_\_

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN**  
**EAU CLAIRE FIRE DEPARTMENT**  
**AND**  
**CHIPPEWA FALLS FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES**  
**FOR AMBULANCE MUTUAL AID**

WHEREAS, the **Eau Claire Fire Department**, hereinafter referred to as "ECFD", and **Chippewa Falls Fire and Emergency Services**, hereinafter referred to as "CFFD", seek to enter into a relationship for ambulance mutual aid;

THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and stipulations set out herein the parties agree to as follows:

**1.0 PURPOSE**

1.1 **Assistance Services.** The purpose of this Agreement is to identify and record the willingness of CFFD and ECFD to mutually assist each other during periods of ambulance system overload and to specify the terms of such assistance. The ambulance service requested to provide assistance hereunder may fail to or refuse such assistance if it is unable to do so due to emergencies occurring within its jurisdiction. It may also fail or refuse to provide assistance due to other circumstances beyond its control which effectively prevent its timely response. It may withdraw its assistance at any time for the purpose of responding to situations within its own jurisdiction. When the need for backup coverage has ended, the requesting service shall promptly notify the responding service of its own ability to restore coverage to its service area.

1.1.1 **Mutual Aid Situations.** Mutual aid services shall be provided only when requested in the following circumstances:

1.1.1.1 Accidents or emergencies involving multiple victims which one service cannot adequately and in a timely manner handle with available resources,

1.1.1.2 The primary emergency vehicle(s) of one service are involved in an emergency or transfer run, thus necessitating assistance,

1.1.1.3 Infrequent, unanticipated incapacitation of personnel, and

1.1.1.4 Mechanical difficulties temporarily idling a necessary ambulance or ambulances.



- 1.2 **Misplaced Calls.** Where either party receives a call to respond to any emergency outside its jurisdiction, the following will apply:
- 1.2.1 **Referral of the Call.** The party who received the call will refer the call to the jurisdictional authority of the other party where it is reasonably apparent that the emergency reported is within the jurisdiction of the other party, otherwise the party receiving the call shall respond to the emergency.
  - 1.2.2 **Notification.** The party receiving the call will immediately notify the Communications Center where the party receiving the emergency call does not intend to respond.
  - 1.2.3 **Communication Responsibility.** The notification requirements of this section are satisfied by the making of any communication which is reasonably calculated to inform the appropriate service of the emergency.

## 2.0 SERVICE FEES

- 2.1 **Billing for Mutual Aid.** Each ambulance service shall be solely responsible for billing the patient for the assumption, collection, and reimbursement of its fees and charges, costs, expenses, and other similar obligations arising out of the services rendered under this agreement and shall be entitled to retain all sums paid for such services.
- 2.2 **Damage to Equipment.** Each party agrees that equipment damaged shall be repaired by the party whose employee was handling the equipment at the time. If equipment is damaged while being handed between employees, the owner of the equipment will be responsible for the repair.

## 3.0 LIABILITY

- 3.1 **Responsibility.** Each service agrees to provide and maintain its own appropriate liability, auto, workers' compensation, and professional insurance in amounts that are equal to or exceed current Wisconsin State law or rules.

## 4.0 COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 **Radio Contact.** Communications between ambulances and their communications base will take place on customary dispatch frequencies. When performing mutual aid, each service may contact the other on common communication frequencies.

## 5.0 CONTRACT TERM

- 5.1 **Agreement Term.** This Agreement shall be effective May 15, 2021, until May 15, 2026. This Agreement shall be automatically renewed from year to year for 5 years, concluding on May 15, 2031, unless either party gives notice to the other seeking modification or termination of the Agreement at least 30 days prior to the expiration of the current year.

## 6.0 NON-EXCLUSIVE SERVICE

- 6.1 **Non-Exclusivity.** Each party may maintain additional mutual aid agreements with other providers of its choice.

## 7.0 DAYS OF OPERATION

- 7.1 **Days and Times of Operation.** Days of operation of this Agreement shall be Sunday through Saturday, 24-hours a day, 365 days a year.

## 8.0 ASSIGNABILITY

- 8.1 **Assignability.** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of each party and its successors. Neither party may assign or transfer its rights or obligation under this Agreement without the written consent of the other party.

## 9.0 TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE

- 9.1 **Failure to Perform.** The parties agree that time is of the essence in this contract, and in case either party shall fail to perform the agreements on its part by the terms of this contract, the other party may at its election terminate the contract upon 60 days written notice.

## 10.0 NO PARTNERSHIP CREATED

- 10.1 **No Partnership.** Nothing in this Agreement is intended or should be construed as creating a partnership or other form of joint venture between **ECFD** and **CFFD**. The parties intend that any service provided under this Agreement by either party or its employees shall be provided as an independent contractor. All **CFFD** employees shall remain **CFFD** employees. **CFFD** shall exclusively be responsible for the payment of all wages, salaries, fringe benefits, employment taxes, professional liability insurance, and claims arising from workers' compensation or other occupational disease laws with respect to its employees who perform services under this Agreement. All **ECFD** employees shall remain **ECFD** employees. **ECFD** shall exclusively be responsible for the payment of all wages, salaries, fringe benefits, employment taxes, professional liability insurance, and claims arising from workers' compensation or other occupational disease laws with respect to its employees who perform services under this Agreement. Nothing in this Agreement should be construed as requiring either party to refer patients to the other or to utilize the services of the other.

## 11.0 INTEGRATION

- 11.1 **Whole Agreement.** This instrument embodies the whole Agreement to the parties hereto. There are no promises, terms, conditions, or obligations other than those contained herein. This contract shall supersede all previous communications, representatives, or agreements either verbal or written between the parties hereto.

## 12.0 MODIFICATIONS AND TERMINATIONS

- 12.1 **Modifications or Terminations in Writing.** The parties agree there may be no modifications to this Agreement except in writing, executed with the same formalities as this instrument. A new Attachment A will be negotiated each December, for implementation for a calendar year. The parties further agree that this contract may be modified upon mutual acceptance of both parties. The contract may be terminated by either party upon 60 days written notice.

## 13.0 INTERPRETATION AND SEVERABILITY

- 13.1 **Governance.** It is mutually understood and agreed that this contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of Wisconsin both as to interpretation and performance.
- 13.2 **Validity of Parts of Agreement.** It is understood and agreed by the parties hereto that if any part, term, or provision of this contract is by the Court held to be illegal or in conflict with any law of the State of Wisconsin, the validity of the remaining portions or provisions shall not be affected, and the rights and obligations of the parties shall be construed and enforced as if the contract did not contain the particular part, term, or provision held to be invalid.

## 14.0 INDEMNIFICATION

### 14.1 Hold Harmless Clause.

- 14.1.1 **CFFD** shall defend, hold harmless, and indemnify **ECFD** against any and all claims, including workers' compensation or other occupational disease claims, liabilities, damages, judgments, and costs, including attorneys' fees, asserted against, imposed upon, or incurred by a person, firm, or corporation that arises out of the acts or failure to act of **CFFD**, its employees, agents, physicians providing medical control, or other representatives, except as set forth in Section 14.1.3.
- 14.1.2 **ECFD** shall defend, hold harmless, and indemnify **CFFD**, subject to all available municipal immunities, limitations, and defenses, against any and all claims, including workers' compensation or other occupational disease claims, liabilities, damages, judgments, and costs, including attorneys' fees, asserted against, imposed upon, or incurred by a person, firm, or corporation that arises out of the acts or failure to act of **ECFD**, its employees, agents, physicians providing medical control, or other representatives, except as set forth in Section 14.1.4.
- 14.1.3 **CFFD** shall not indemnify **ECFD** for any claims, liabilities, penalties, damages, judgments, or other costs related to billing or regulatory compliance issues, even if they arise out of an act or omission by a **CFFD** employee.
- 14.1.4 **ECFD** shall not indemnify **CFFD** for any claims, liabilities, penalties, damages, judgments, or other costs related to billing or regulatory compliance issues, even if they arise out of an act or omission by an **ECFD** employee.

**15.0 DISSOLUTION**

15.1 **Ownership of Equipment.** In the event of termination of this contract, each party hereto shall retain possession and ownership of the equipment that each party owns.

**Eau Claire Fire Department  
Eau Claire, WI**

**Chippewa Falls Fire and Emergency  
Services  
Chippewa Falls, WI**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Dave Solberg  
City Manager

\_\_\_\_\_  
Lee Douglas  
Fire Chief

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chris Bell  
Fire Chief

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

## Bridget Givens

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**From:** penny sorensen <penniestoroses@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 4, 2021 3:56 PM  
**To:** Bridget Givens  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Shuttle Bus

\*\*\*\*\* [CAUTION - EXTERNAL EMAIL] DO NOT reply, click links, or open attachments unless you have verified the sender and know the content is safe \*\*\*\*\*

I am writing to you as I am trying to get a private owned and operated bus shuttle service that will be two buses operating from Eau Claire, to Lake Hallie, to Chippewa and back to Lake Hallie every day with 3 or more runs a day.

This shuttle service will be set up with specific locations around Eau Claire, Lake Hallie and I hope at least 2 to 5 spots in Chippewa.

I know there has not been a service doing this since the 1980's. I have asked around, and have my associates, to see what people want to have available for transportation. In all the areas they stated to be able to get to one of the 3 towns and to also have wheelchair service available.

Please bear with me as I explain my intentions and how I plan to operate it;  
Starting:

- Oakwood Mall
- Oakridge Dr. behind Walgreens
- Downtown Eau Claire at new parking ramp on Wisconsin St.
- Woodman Dr. bus stop
- Walmart in Hallie
- Mall in Chippewa with V.A.
- Olsen Dr. down to W.O.W. loading docks
- Lakeland Dr.
- State St. by Mayo Clinic
- N. High St. parking lot
- Walmart in Hallie
- Start again at Oakwood Mall after a break for the driver

This will be done with 2 buses that will run 10 to 15 mins apart. One bus is a 40-passenger bus with a rack for luggage or packages, and the second bus is a 11-passenger with 3 wheelchair spaces. We will be accepting cash, debt and credit card, and insurances that we have a contract with. The cost will be \$5.00 per person one way from Eau Claire to Lake Hallie or vice versa, also the same for Chippewa Falls to Lake Hallie or vice versa, and \$10 per person from Eau Claire to Chippewa Falls or vice versa. Special pricing for kids under 5 and families.

Also, I work with DVR, Inclusa, Iris, and will be working with Badger Care, Medicaid and Medicare.

The buses will eventually have bike racks on and local taxi and public transportation numbers to call in each area for when they get off the buses to get around so this will bring more business to these companies. Also, people will need to get to the bus stops so this will bring even more business.

We are wanting to get people moved around for medical & dental appointments, jobs, shopping, and people who just want to visit get from Eau Claire to Chippewa and back.

I have reached out to the temp agencies and they have a great deal of interest. Also, the agencies that work with the disabled and challenges have stated that they have a lot of people in Chippewa Falls with a lot of jobs for them in Eau Claire. They don't have affordable way to get people moved around. I have been told that other wheel chair companies are limiting to only twice a month to service between cities.

There are people who have not been able to get to Eau Claire or Chippewa Falls since the bus stopped running in the 1980's. Taxies are expensive to go back and forth due to the distance and the time it takes.

Also, teens love to go to the mall to hang out and parents hate to drive in from Chippewa to hang around town to pick their kids back up to go home. I did grow up with bus service in Milwaukee and kids haven't changed in that respect of wanting this step of independence. With the bus service, parents will know what time the kids will be leaving and from where and what time they will be back to the same location. This saves parents a lot of time, stress, worry and money.

This will also work for people going to the fair, the park, swim parks, and all the music concerts in Eau Claire and Chippewa Falls.

People out drinking will also be able to get back and forth without driving as long as they watch their times and leave when the bus is doing a run.

People need to have this freedom, especially with us coming out of this pandemic. We will be following safety rules of distancing, cleaning and face mask.

I think this is long over due for the Chippewa Valley. With all the growth the cities and village have done and all the shut down and isolation, this is a great way to lift spirits back up.

I am calling this "Reconnecting the Chippewa Valley One Ride at a Time."

Thank you for your time and I hope you consider this a great service opportunity for the Chippewa Valley.

Sincerely,  
Penny D. Sorensen, Owner