



Grand River CarShare & Hamilton CarShare

on the move

July 2010 newsletter

CarShare Fights Cancer Garage Sale - Saturday, July 24th

The co-op is holding a garage sale on Saturday, July 24, on the piazza at the Kitchener Farmer's Market. Members who would like to donate items for sale should contact the office. Drop-off the day of the event is preferred, quality items only please! Proceeds will go to charity, and any leftover items at the end of the day will be donated to Goodwill. **Please note: Any unclaimed lost and found items from carshare vehicles will be included in the sale. If you are missing something, please contact the office - maybe you left it in a carshare vehicle!**

HST - minor change to your CarShare billing

HST is now being charged in Ontario, and fortunately GST and PST were already charged on CarShare driving rates, so there will be no tax change on the main portion of your CarShare bill. The only item on your CarShare bill which was previously taxed just PST is the \$19 monthly insurance fee. Including HST, insurance will now cost \$21.47 on your bill, an increase of \$0.95/month.

New policy: return cars with at least ¼ tank of gas!

As of July 1, the ½ tank return policy has been changed to ¼ tank, to facilitate fewer trips to the gas station, and fewer extra kilometres needed to be driven by members to fill up the cars. Overall, this means fewer emissions and cleaner air! Please note, until a new run of trip log books is ordered, the trip logs will still say ½ tank, but the co-op will be enforcing the ¼ tank rule from now on.

Simple Plan rate plan launched July 1

The co-op's new Simple Plan rate plan is now in effect, and is a complimentary rate plan to the traditional Classic Plan. The Simple Plan has higher per-hour rate, but a lower entry fee than the current membership loan. For a \$99 application fee (plus \$10 key deposit and \$10 membership loan), members on the Simple Plan will pay a flat \$9 per hour, and no per-kilometre rate for the first 150 kilometres driven per day. A side-by-side comparison of the two rate plans is available on the co-op's website on the rates page. Members can switch between plans at any time (any changes will come into effect at the beginning of the next month). For more information, visit the "rates" page on the co-op's website.

Promote "\$99 to join, \$9/hr to drive" to your friends, and earn referral credits if they sign up!

Please review the confirmation details of your reservation

Vehicle(s) are occasionally swapped with other vehicles in the fleet so please review the confirmation details of your reservation to avoid any confusion.

CarShare wins

Commuter Challenge!

Your CarShare staff commute green – Dave, Matt and Janet tied for first place with Sustainable Waterloo in the 1-25 employee category in the Region of Waterloo's Commuter Challenge. All three staff members cycle to work.

Mini Cooper Summer Special

The premium rate for the Mini Cooper (Kitchener) will be waived for the months of May through to the end of August. This summer, enjoy driving with the sunroof open (just remember to close it when you're done!).

Summer is festival season for the co-op

The co-op is always looking for members interested in volunteering to assist with setting up and staffing displays at festivals. Contact the office if you would like to help out.

Gas surcharge

The Gas Surcharge for the month of July is nil (i.e. \$0.00/km).

Stay connected

Visit the co-op on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) (Grand River), and [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) (Hamilton).

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Next Board Meeting:

Thursday July 29, 2010

7 - 9pm (regular monthly meeting)

This month's meeting will be held at the co-op's Kitchener office.

Kitchener office hours: 12pm - 5pm
Monday to Friday

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Fridays.

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