



RSVP now for the Oct. 20 Annual General Meeting

This year's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for Thurs. Oct. 20, 2011, and the meeting time and places have now been confirmed.

This year's AGM will be held at **two McMaster University sites** linked by video conference, one in Kitchener and one in Hamilton.

The Kitchener site will be at the McMaster medical school, part of the UW Health Sciences Campus at King St. W. and Victoria St., in the Michael G. DeGroot School of Medicine, room 2002. (The school of medicine is in the shorter of the two buildings, and is located at 10B Victoria St. S.)

The Hamilton site will be at the McMaster University main campus on Main St. W., in the Michael G. DeGroot Centre for Learning, room

3118. The Michael G. DeGroot Centre for Learning building is located between the hospital and Sterling St., West of Forsythe Ave.

This year's AGM is gearing up to be an eventful evening. There are many exciting project updates to share with the membership, and there will be refreshments at both sites, as well as door prizes.

There will be a meet-and-greet from 6:30pm-7pm at both sites, and the meeting will begin at 7pm.

All members are invited to attend the AGM, and an RSVP is appreciated by staff to assist with planning.

To RSVP, email staff at either info@grandrivercarshare.ca, info@hamiltoncarshare.ca, or phone the office at 519-578-1895 or 905-543-4411.

Hope to see you there!

September Monthly Survey: What type of cargo vehicle?

This month's member survey is a few questions about what kind of cargo vehicle you would prefer to have added to the fleet, as that is the target vehicle type for this year's debenture sales.

Options staff are looking at are a cargo van, for example a Ford Transit Connect, or a pick-up truck, for example a Ford Ranger.

Staff want to know what you think about the options for a cargo van or pick-up truck, and the survey results will help direct the final vehicle choice.

Link to the survey here: www.surveymonkey.com/s/CarShareSurveySept2011

And, don't forget that all members who fill out the survey will be entered in a draw for a \$10 driving credit!



CarShare logo gets painted on driveway

A CarShare member on the KW Action Committee loaned her driveway recently for the purpose of testing out the co-op's logo stencil. Matthew Piggott, Member Services Coordinator, helped out with the spray painting. The goal is to eventually have the co-op's logo painted in CarShare reserved parking spots.



The final product.

Debentures on sale now!

Debentures are on sale now for the 2011 season, and this year's interest rate has been set at 3.5%.

Debentures are available for purchase in increments of \$250 up to \$1000 per person for a three-year term, and they are a great way to invest locally and ethically.

Purchasing debentures helps the co-op by providing a source of capital with a lower interest rate than a traditional car loan.

The funds raised through debentures sales will help purchase a new vehicle for

the fleet. This year the co-op is hoping to buy a cargo van or pick-up truck, and the sales goal to make that happen is \$30,000.

After last year's debenture sales, the co-op added the 2007 Mazda 5 to the fleet.

All members are eligible to purchase a debenture.

For more information about investing in debentures, follow the link to download the [Debenture Issue Information Chart 2011](#), or contact the office.

Debentures will be on sale until Oct. 31.

Meet your new intern!

Justin Gaudon is a University of Waterloo environmental studies student, who is completing a co-op work term with Grand River CarShare this fall.

Justin began work on September 6, and is focussing primarily on relaunching the co-op in Cambridge. Justin is working with the renewed Cambridge Action Committee, building momentum, and developing partnerships.

Justin is a resident of Cam-

bridge, so his local knowledge of the Cambridge community is an asset to the co-op and his work.

Contact Justin at justin@grandrivercarshare.ca



Location of the month: University of Waterloo - A Lot

This month's feature location is the University of Waterloo - A Lot, located at the corner of University Ave. and Seagram Dr.

A Lot is well-located near major transit routes at the South entrance to UW campus on University Ave. A regular pedestrian thoroughfare, linking with the Laurel Trail, also passes by the car.

A Lot is a gated parking lot, therefore the car stationed there (the 2002 Toyota Echo) is equipped

with a transponder card, which must be scanned at the gate to enter the lot.

The transponder card is kept in the centre console pocket, located above the climate controls.

The parking spot is in the North-West corner of the lot, adjacent to the corner of University Ave. and Seagram Dr.

A Lot can be accessed on foot from University Ave., Seagram Dr., and from the Laurel Trail. By car, A Lot is accessed from Seagram Dr.

Cambridge reorganization underway with new intern and local Action Committee

The carsharing movement in Cambridge is getting some new energy this fall, as the co-op's reorganization in the city is getting underway.

The new Cambridge Action Committee has met twice already, and is working on plans to get the word out about CarShare.

Grand River CarShare originally launched in Cambridge in 2007 with one car but that strategy never really worked, since the nearest backup car was in Kitchener.

In May of this year, the board of directors decided to temporarily remove the car from Cambridge, and work on building the membership base in Cambridge to a level where multiple cars could be supported, thus having a true network of cars in the city.

With the addition of Justin Gaudon, Cambridge Services Intern, for the fall term, the co-op is now in an even better position to build the Cambridge membership.

A way any member can help with the Cambridge effort is to promote the co-op to your friends, family, and colleagues from Cambridge, and encourage them to get involved! (A benefit to members is earning referral credits when your friends sign up!)

Or, pass along any relevant contact information to Justin (justin@grandrivercarshare.ca), and he will get in touch.

Any members interested in getting involved with the Cambridge Action Committee can also contact Justin for all the details.

Sept. events highlight car-free living

The co-op will be present at many car-free themed events this month. Smart Commute Week in Hamilton includes a Transportation and Healthy Living Fair on Car Free Day (Sept. 22) as well

as Open Streets Hamilton on Sept. 18, which is the same day as the fourth Car-Free Sunday in UpTown Waterloo.

Come out and celebrate the car-free lifestyle with your co-op!

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Next Meetings

Finance Committee
Wed. Sept. 21, 7pm, Kitchener office
Board of Directors
Thurs. Sept. 29, 6:30pm, Hamilton office
Hamilton Action Committee
Wed. Oct. 5, 7pm, Hamilton office

Annual General Meeting

Thurs. Oct. 20, 6:30pm for 7pm start,
at McMaster Medical Campus Kitchener
and McMaster Main Campus Hamilton

Gas Surcharge

The Gas Surcharge for the month of September will be \$0.03/km, as per the Gas Surcharge Policy.