

## Washburn County ADRC and Namekagon Transit Announce New Northern Route

Over the last year, the Washburn County ADRC has been working very closely with the Washburn County Transportation Committee and community members to find options that add convenience for residents in need of transportation. We all know that any additional programs mean additional funding is needed. We applied for a grant for rural expansion, and will continue to advocate and look for other grant opportunities. In the meantime, we have coordinated with Namekagon Transit to revise the current public transit schedule for Washburn County. Currently, the Namekagon Transit Washburn Door Stop Service route runs M-TH between Spooner and Shell Lake. Starting January 2020, a new path will include a northern course on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of the month. This option will travel through the communities of Shell Lake, Spooner, Trego, Lampson, Minong, Chicog, Highway F, K, and E. Please see the map. Reservations will be required for pick-up. This is a Door Stop Service which is open to the public. For its success, we will need our community to use the service. We have heard your stories and are listening to your requests. The pilot route will determine if expansion to other populations is needed. Please let us know your thoughts and tell us your experiences, once this goes into effect.

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