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Nominating Committee Selects Chair and Opens Process for 2018

The CUTA Nominating Committee for 2018, established by the Board of Directors, has selected Daniel Bergeron as Chair, and will prepare its report for circulation to the membership at least ninety days in advance of the Annual Meeting, scheduled for early June 2018. All CUTA members are invited to submit nominations. Forms are available on the [CUTA website](#).

*Nominations may be submitted directly to CUTA by email to the attention of [Joanne Vézing](#), no later than **Tuesday 16 January 2018**.*

Government of Canada launches the Smart Cities Challenge

Making our communities smarter by being innovative and using data and connected technology will strengthen our communities and create opportunities to continue growing Canada's middle class.

The Honourable Amarjeet Sohi, Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, launched the Smart Cities Challenge, fulfilling a commitment made in Budget 2017. The Challenge will give communities a platform for implementing bold ideas to address priorities that they identify. Communities of all sizes and from across Canada can apply—including municipalities, local or regional governments, and Indigenous communities. They will be encouraged to work with the private and not-for-profit sectors and the research community to achieve results that improve the lives of residents. It will be up to communities to set their goals and the pathways to achieving them.

With the launch of Smart Cities Challenge, the communities can begin developing their proposals. Detailed application guidelines are now available on the new [Impact Canada Challenge Platform](#).

For more information, [read the full media release](#) on CUTA's website.

New Mobility Summit in Vancouver

In **May of 2018**, CUTA is looking forward to presenting a one and a half day summit in Vancouver on New Mobility Actors and their role in the urban mobility ecosystem. Drawing in industry leaders from across the mobility sector, as well as academics and traditional transit system representatives, this full day of plenary events followed by a half day of workshops will be the place to be for every transit leader who is looking for cutting edge theory and practice on the topic. We would like to thank **TransLink** for hosting this event. Stay tuned for more information on specific dates and the location of the conference hotel.

For further information, please contact [Jason Allen](#).

CUTA 2018 Fall Conference & Transit Show in Toronto, Ontario
SAVE THE DATE!

The 2018 CUTA [Fall Conference](#) will be held from **November 18 – 21st, 2018** in dynamic Toronto and co-hosted by the incredible **TTC and Metrolinx!**

Stay tuned as we develop an exciting program with your specific interests in mind. The conference registration will open later in 2018. Be on the look-out for the notifications and future issues of our newsletter EXPRESSIONS for more details. Keep your eyes on CUTA's website for exciting conference updates and plan to be with us in this vibrant city abuzz with activity.

Booking your accommodations will be easy! For the 2018 Fall Conference and Transit Show, we have selected the [InterContinental Toronto Centre Hotel](#). Located just steps away from popular attractions like the CN Tower, the Air Canada Centre and the Rogers Centre, as well as Union Station and Billy Bishop Airport, this beautiful hotel offers the perfect combination of contemporary elegance, luxurious comfort and modern convenience right here in the heart of Toronto.

The CUTA Room Block will be opening in the spring of 2018. Delegates are encouraged to book early as the room block fills up quickly.

Sponsorship Opportunities for 2018 Fall Conference and Transit Show

Maximize your visibility and showcase your business at our upcoming 2018 Fall Conference and Transit Show in Toronto, Ontario. CUTA is offering a range of promotional opportunities just for you.

Do you have an idea or would like a custom opportunity? Please contact us with any suggestions you may have – we welcome your input.

For further information, please contact [Paulina Cadena](#).

2016 Conventional and Specialized Transit Fact Books

CUTA's Technical Services department has released the 2016 Canadian Transit Fact Book and 2016 Specialized Transit Services Fact Book electronically! We would like to thank all participating transit system members for assisting us in compiling data to make these publications possible. They will be made available for purchase by the end of November.

If you are interested in these publications, please contact [Calvin Chiu](#) at extension 112.