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Ontario Seniors' Public Transit Tax Credit (OSPTTC)

The Ontario Seniors' Public Transit Tax Credit (OSPTTC) was announced in the 2017 Ontario Budget and the following information is provided to help municipal transit providers plan for administrative changes that may be required with its introduction.

The Ministry of Transportation in partnership with the Ministry of Finance, have designed a refundable tax credit for Ontario seniors aged 65 and over, at the beginning of a given tax year, for the use of public transit. The OSPTTC will apply to public transit services, both conventional and specialized, that are operated by Ontario's municipalities and Ontario government agencies, including Metrolinx.

Effective July 1, 2017, certain public transit costs will be eligible for this credit. Amounts that are eligible for the OSPTTC include payments for the following services and through the following methods of payment:

- Trips on short haul services offered to the general public and operated on bus, subway, train or tram;
- Day passes, set passes (i.e., 10 rides), and fares paid with electronic fare cards (e.g., PRESTO);
- Single ride tickets or tokens, as long as the user obtains an itemized receipt issued at purchase; and
- Cash fares, as well as any of the other payments listed above, only for specialized transit services, as long as the user obtains an itemized receipt issued at purchase.

In addition, if a senior rate is not available for the type of pass or ticket purchased, the non-senior fare is eligible under the OSPTTC. Please note that cash fares for conventional public transit services are ineligible for the credit.

Based upon the above, you will likely be aware that there are some differences to the range of fares/fare media eligible under the OSPTTC, compared to the federal tax credit for transit usage, which ends on June 30, 2017. This may result in an increase in the requests by transit customers for receipts at point of sale for some transit services.

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Sheraton Parkway Toronto North Hotel & Suites
600 Highway 7 East, Richmond Hill, Ontario
Book by clicking [here](#)

For further information please contact [Paulina Cadena](#), National Conference & Events Lead.

Super Cluster Webinar Recording

On Tuesday July 4th, CUTRIC hosted a webinar on their Innovation Super Cluster bid. During this webinar, CUTRIC staff described the Supercluster program and the CUTRIC initiative within it. Staff reviewed the industry-led CUTRIC projects in mobility electrification (battery electric and hydrogen fuel cell electric technologies), as well as "smart" (automated, connected and on-demand) vehicle demonstration projects that will form the basis of CUTRIC's national supercluster bid focused on **Advanced Low-Carbon Mobility Innovation**.

If you were unable to attend the webinar or would like to share this information with your colleagues, the recording can be accessed [here](#).

For more information, please contact [Joshua Goodfield](#) at CUTRIC or [Lauren Rudko](#) at CUTA (ext. 113).

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- [Transit Maintenance and Asset Management](#): Make asset management principles the core of your service delivery strategy.

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For more information, please contact [Kevin Brown](#) at extension 121.