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## **CUTA 2017 Fall Event**

### **Save the Date – CUTA Forum 2017 Planning Is Underway for York!**

The 2017 CUTA Forum will be held from November 5 – 8th, 2017 in the vibrant Richmond Hill, part of the large area known as York Region. Rich in culture, entertainment and natural beauty, York Region offers lots to do and see!

[York Region Transit](#) will be hosting this exciting event with the theme *Route to Innovation*. Stay tuned as we develop an exciting event program including a lower price point, a Gallery of poster sessions, Seminars/Learning workshops replacing the sessions format, and our usual weekday Committee Meetings.

Visit [CUTA's event page](#), follow us on Twitter, and keep an eye on your inbox for exciting conference updates as they unfold, and most importantly - **plan to be with us in York!** Please book your **accommodations** at the [Sheraton Parkway Toronto North](#). We encourage you to book early as the room block will fill up quickly.

Event registration will open later this June at which time you can take advantage of **early bird rates** and see what the preliminary program has to offer. Also, plan to bring a family member or partner because the program will be providing great tours and events for companions throughout beautiful and exciting York Region!

### **Call for Abstracts coming soon!**

We will be looking for transportation and industry professionals to speak and present at the CUTA Forum 2017. Already have a specific topic in mind?

Contact us at [conferences@cutaactu.ca](mailto:conferences@cutaactu.ca) – we always love hearing your ideas.

### **Sponsorship Opportunities for CUTA Forum 2017: *Route to Innovation***

#### **York – November 05-08, 2017**

Maximize your visibility and showcase your business at our upcoming Fall Event – CUTA Forum 2017 in Richmond Hill, Ontario!

CUTA is offering a range of promotional opportunities just for you! Have an idea? Would you like a custom opportunity? Please contact us with any questions or ideas – we welcome your input.

For more information, please visit us at the [CUTA website](#) or contact [Paulina Cadena](#).

### **Global Public Transport Summit 2017 a Tremendous Success**

The 2017 [Global Public Transport Summit](#) in Montréal (May 14-17) held by UITP in partnership with CUTA saw a record number of attendees: 2,500 congress delegates from 83 countries; 13,000 individual visitors of the exhibition; and 330 exhibitors from 30 countries. The summit boasted rich and diverse sessions covering all modes and services of urban transport with speakers from 50 countries. Several

innovations were introduced in the programme (e.g breakfast sessions, poster sessions, pecha kucha) and throughout the exhibition (e.g. innovation tours, announcements of world premieres).

The UITP events app connected delegates to both the programme and to networking opportunities, alongside a first ever public transport hackaton which brought together young people from 22 different cities from around the world thanks to the remarkable work of the Y4PT Foundation. A photo contest as part of the Innovation Hub also illustrated innovation in public transport and engagement with the public. Additional events offered by the exhibitors on their own stands allowed for added opportunities for networking as well. The summit was rounded off with a large choice of technical visits and post-summit tours, including a notable public event organized in parallel to the programme which allowed the general public to ride driverless minibuses, topped with multiple great networking evenings: All ingredients that made this Summit a truly successful one.

*For more information, please read UITP Deputy Secretary General, Mohammed Mezghani's [full Summit recap](#).*

### **CUTA-APTA Innovation Theatre**

CUTA's booth at the North American Pavilion of the Exhibition floor featured a collaborative showcase with APTA, titled 'Innovation Theatre', which took place on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> as part of North American Day at the UITP Global Public Transport Summit.

The showcase offered a series of ten-minute presentations from North America's biggest transit innovators. Presenters included innovative manufacturers and suppliers as well as Canadian and American transit CEOs; including TTC's **Andy Byford**, TransLink's **Kevin Desmond**, YRRTC's **Mary-Frances Turner**; Jacksonville Transportation Authority's **Nathaniel Ford** and more. The showcase also featured a CEO panel with presentations and discussions with **Patrick Leclerc**, President and CEO of CUTA, and **Dick White**, Acting President and CEO of APTA.

*For photos or more information, contact [Ray Charabaty](#) at extension 127.*

### **Congratulations to our Corporate Awards Winners 2017!**

Every year CUTA recognizes the efforts and excellence of its members who commit to outstanding service and campaigns aimed at moving people, which is what the transit industry is all about! In the category of "Innovation", awards went to The Societe de Laval (STL), the City of Ottawa, OC Transpo, and BAE Systems. The "Safety and Security" awards went to Toronto Transit Commission, Metrolinx. In the category of "Marketing and Communications", the awards went to BC Transit, Translink South Coast British Columbia Transportation Authority, the City of Fort Saskatchewan, Halifax Transit, and RTC. You can find a detailed description of the Awards and read on the winners' achievements [here](#).

*For more information, contact [Marie-Noëlle Tudieshe](#) at extension 116.*

### **CUTA Committee Meetings**

CUTA's Executive and Board of Directors, and the [National and Regional Committees](#) met in advance of the Global Public Transport Summit in Montréal on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. CUTA also held its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Updates from the committee meetings will be shared with CUTA members in the coming weeks.

*For more information, contact [Wendy Reuter](#) at extension 109.*

### **CUTA Annual Report 2016: Reaching New Heights**

[CUTA's Annual Report 2016: Reaching New Heights](#) is now available. Please enjoy the year in review in a new digital format which is online and interactive. Watch and listen to the messages from the CEO and Chair of CUTA and scroll down and click on the arrows throughout the report to link to more information.

For more information, please contact [Jodie Hunt](#) at extension 119.

### **Welcome to your (NEW) Urban Mobility Forum Magazine!**

We changed the title to reflect our evolving industry and reflect CUTA's vision to inspire and influence the evolution of integrated urban mobility. Inside, you will find the quality content you are accustomed to with an updated design and themes that reflect the issues and questions facing the public transit industry.

#### **Here is what you'll find inside!**

- [Message from the President](#)
- [AMT and STM: Sustainable Mobility to Meet the Passengers' New Needs](#)
- [Valley Line LRT: Transforming Communities Through Transit](#)
- [Building the Ultimate Air-Rail Link: From the Travel Booking Perspective](#)
- [Shifting Perspectives, Integrating Mobility](#)
- [CUTA Feature: Public Transport at the Heart of Tomorrow's Urban Mobility](#)

View the current issue of [Urban Mobility FORUM Magazine](#).

For more information, please contact [Johanne Palermo](#) at extension 120.

### **Learning Events Update**

Halifax Transit will be hosting a [Transit Ambassador](#) course this June. There are only two seats left if you are looking to have your staff certified in this valuable program.

CUTA will be holding a **Transit Planning** course in **Victoria, BC on July 24<sup>th</sup> through 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017** and in **Toronto from June 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>**. Transit Planning is an in-depth course covering Development Requirements, Service Standards, and Intelligent Transportation Systems, and Performance Monitoring – You can register online at the [Course Description Page](#).

More learning events for the year are being posted to [our website](#). Is saving your transit system dollars by optimizing [Scheduling & Runcutting](#) your thing? Are you going to be thrust into the spotlight of [Labour Relations & Collective Bargaining](#)? We're taking registrations now for these Fall courses.

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

### **Alex Milojevic Appointed as the new General Manager of Brampton Transit**

The City of Brampton is pleased to announce Alex Milojevic as the new General Manager of Brampton Transit. With over 27 years of experience in the transit industry and eight years in the private sector, Alex has spent 13 of them with the team at Brampton Transit – most recently as Director since 2013. Instrumental in the growth of the Züm rapid transit portfolio, Alex spearheaded the implementation of multiple initiatives that have transformed Brampton Transit into a leader in delivering public transit services. Milojevic's involvement in the transit industry includes a seat on the Board of Directors for the

Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA), Chair of CUTA's Ontario Regional Committee, Vice Chair of CUTA's Technical Services Committee, as well as serving on the Board of Directors for the Ontario Public Transit Association (OPTA).