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CUTA Annual Conference and Canadian Transit Show Nov. 18-21: Network, learn and enjoy!

Make sure to join your transit colleagues at CUTA's industry-leading [Annual Conference and Canadian Transit Show](#) in dynamic downtown Toronto!

There is still time to register to take advantage of these highly anticipated CUTA conference features:

Excellent networking events where you can expand your professional network, reconnect, catch up and enjoy some great venues!

- **Welcome reception** at the iconic Steam Whistle Brewing's Roundhouse, sponsored by Cummins.
- The Canadian Transit Show **networking breakfast**, sponsored by BYD (official transit show sponsor) at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre, South Building.
- **Business members' evening** at the Real Sports Bar & Grill in the heart of the city.

A great overall program! [Check it out](#) and [register today!](#)

A whole array of dynamic and fascinating technical tours!

- Technical tours are a highlight of every CUTA conference, and this year is no exception. With unique opportunities to see inside both TTC's control centre and the newly completed GO Transit Network Control Centre, you'll get the inside scoop on the operations management of two of Canada's largest systems.
- For the maintenance minded, there will also be opportunities to see brand new, state-of-the-art facilities for both rail and bus fleet maintenance at the Leslie Barns, the Oshawa Bus Garage, and the Toronto East Rail Maintenance Facility. Tour groups will be small as these are working facilities, so be sure to **sign up early**.
- Finally, if your focus is on service expansion, you won't want to miss an inside look at the Eglinton Crosstown LRT and the York Region BRT Rapidways or the TTC York Subway extension.
- There's a tour for everyone this year, so be sure to sign up early at the **Tour Desk near registration**.

CUTA is happy to support **Metrolinx's RIDEolution event**, exploring solutions to ridership growth. This is a three-hour boot camp where participants will develop creative solutions to this perennial problem. Solutions generated will be presented at the Transit Café booth at the Canadian Transit Show on Tuesday Nov. 20 at the conference. *For information and tickets, please check out the [Eventbrite link](#).*

Only a few Transit Show booths left!

CUTA's 2018 Canadian Transit Show is fast approaching and we only have a few booths left. Don't miss this great opportunity! Held annually in conjunction with the CUTA Annual Conference, the Canadian Transit Show (Canada's largest transit and bus exhibition) attracts more than 1,000 management decision-makers in the transportation industry. Celebrating its 24th year, the show features over 100,000 square feet of exciting products, vehicles and services from manufacturers across North America and abroad. It's an outstanding opportunity for businesses to show their products and services directly to this specialized audience. Book your booth [here](#).

For further information, please contact [Paulina Cadena](#) at extension 118.

Doug Ford Brings Change to the Transportation Portfolio

Ontario Premier Doug Ford reshuffled his cabinet on Monday after Minister Jim Wilson resigned to seek addiction treatments. John Yakabuski was appointed Minister of Natural Resources and replaced by Jeff Yurek as Minister of Transportation. Finally, a new Deputy Minister for Transportation and Infrastructure will need to be appointed with the departure of Scott Thompson in December.

For more information, please contact [Samuel Lafontaine](#) at (613) 782-2924.

Legault Appoints His Minister of Transport

The Premier of Quebec, François Legault, unveiled the composition of his cabinet on October 18. François Bonnardel, MP for Granby since 2007, is now the Minister of Transport. Unlike his predecessor, he will not be the Minister of Urban Mobility and Electrification of Transportation.

Mr. Bonnardel will be supported by Chantal Rouleau (Pointe-aux-Trembles) in his new responsibilities. The new Deputy Minister and Minister responsible for the Montreal region will have to defend her government's decisions on public transit matters in Montreal.

In Québec City, the speaker for the city and the Réseau de transport de la capitale concerning the public transit structuring network will be Geneviève Guilbault (Louis-Hébert), appointed Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Public Safety and Minister responsible for the Capitale-Nationale region. Christian Dubé, who until recently was the Executive Vice-President of the Caisse de dépôt et placement du Québec, is now President of the Treasury Board.

The Coalition Avenir Québec elected 74 out of 125 MPs in the general elections held on October 1, 2018. The cabinet was unveiled on October 18 and includes 26 Ministers, 13 of which are women.

For more information, please contact [Samuel Lafontaine](#) at 613-782-2924.

Federal government is moving forward with carbon pricing mechanism

The Government of Canada announced that there will be a federal carbon price backstop in place in Ontario, New Brunswick, Manitoba, and Saskatchewan in 2019. These changes are expected to have an effect on transit operations due to increased fuel costs.

Carbon pricing revenues will be fully refunded to taxpayers in the province where they were collected, both directly to individuals (90%) and through funding for hospitals, schools, SMEs, municipalities, non-profits, and Indigenous communities, to support energy efficiency and low carbon investments (10%). Payments to families and individuals will start after they file their 2018 tax returns.

Yukon and Nunavut have also requested the application of the federal backstop, but their governments will decide how to recycle carbon pricing revenues. Equivalent pricing schemes (carbon tax or cap-and-trade systems) that are already implemented in other jurisdictions will remain.

For more information, please contact [Jeff Mackey](#) at 613-782-2454.

Federal government announces solution on rural intercity bus services

CUTA issued a [news release](#) on October 31 that welcomed the federal government's involvement in providing alternatives to Canadians affected by intercity bus route closures in Western Canada and Northern Ontario.

In its reaction to the announcement made by three federal ministers, CUTA stressed the importance of implementing long-term, sustainable and interconnected solutions to meet the mobility needs of citizens in these regions. The federal government will provide funding to provincial and territorial governments over the next two years on a cost-sharing and transitional basis to set up public transportation services in areas affected by the route closures. Additional support will be provided to Indigenous-owned transportation companies via existing federal programs that encourage Aboriginal entrepreneurship.

Ottawa will continue working with the provinces and territories to explore innovative, longer-term solutions to address regional public transportation needs focused on emerging technologies, alternative service delivery models and more flexible regulations on bus operators.

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