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### **CUTA Awards Program 2019 – Call for nominations is open!**

Every year CUTA is proud to recognize the efforts and excellence of outstanding individuals by presenting leadership awards in the following categories: Excellence, Edward J. Dowling (Distinguished Service), Heroism, and the William G. Ross Lifetime Achievement Award. CUTA also recognizes corporate achievements in the following categories: Innovation, Environment and Sustainability, Marketing & Communications and Safety & Security.

If you know of an individual or corporate initiative deserving recognition, we encourage you to visit our [website](#) and nominate them for a CUTA Award **before July 19, 2019**.

*For more information, please contact [McCartney Lee](#) at extension 127.*

### **Become a CUTA sponsor**

CUTA's conferences link delegates with transit stakeholders and promote industry trends, information sharing and networking opportunities. Our conference theme this year is *Generation Innovation* and it takes place from November 10 to 13 in Calgary. We invite you to [become a sponsor](#) and engage and empower the next generation of transit leaders to tackle our industry's challenges head on.

*For more information, please contact [Jonah Vetro](#) at extension 118.*

### **Learn transit scheduling and runcutting and apply your skills in the transit industry**

CUTA will be holding its Transit Scheduling and Runcutting level I course in Mississauga, Ontario from **July 22 to 26, 2019**. This is an intensive course covering inputs to the scheduling process, implementation and performance monitoring, schedule-building, advanced scheduling techniques, and runcutting.

This course will appeal to managers of schedulers, schedulers requiring an update or refresher course, staff from finance and human resources for better understanding, and union representatives who monitor new schedules. You can find the registration form online on the [course description page](#).

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

### **Save the date: CUTA Vancouver Policy Forum, September 12**

On September 12, 2019, we are hosting a policy forum focused on transit infrastructure and urban planning at the beautiful UBC Robson Square Theatre in Vancouver. Robson Square is at the epicentre of the city's social, cultural and business districts. Our event will feature thought leaders and experts in the transit and urban planning policy fields as well as speakers from Canada's major political parties who will present their visions for transit in Canada. The event is close to the federal election and will help CUTA [make transit a priority](#) on the campaign trail. Save **September 12** in your calendar, follow CUTA on social

media, and check our [Priority Transit](#) campaign website for more details on the event and who will be attending.

*For more information, please contact [Chad Jeudy-Hugo](#) at extension 614.*

### **CUTA announces rollout of #PriorityTransit campaign engagement toolkit**

As part of CUTA's ongoing [#PriorityTransit campaign](#), we will soon be sending our members a toolkit to help amplify our collective voice leading up to the election. The toolkit will include a cover letter that explains the objectives of our campaign and the importance of member support through amplification. You will get separate summaries of the national and regional Léger poll findings with talking points for use with media or your local decision makers, as well CUTA's policy recommendations based on our four key themes: combating climate change, congestion relief, growing the economy, and fostering social inclusion. Finally, the toolkit will include helpful tips and suggestions to share and amplify our campaign messages on social media.

*For more information, please contact [Samuel Lafontaine](#) at extension 616.*

### **Announcing CUTA's bi-weekly election e-newsletter**

Our election newsletter will cover the top issues in Canadian politics from the previous two weeks, important upcoming events, and issues related to public transit. It will focus on federal politics leading up to the 2019 federal election in October and will switch to weekly roundups during the writ period. Don't miss cutting-edge election analysis from CUTA's public affairs team.

*To subscribe to the election e-newsletter, please e-mail [publicaffairs@cutaactu.ca](mailto:publicaffairs@cutaactu.ca).*

### **Introducing a new member of the CUTA team**

We are pleased to announce that **Luc Vincent** joined CUTA as of today as our new Director, Events & Industry Programs. Luc has spent his career in the Ontario Public Service, most recently as Manager of the Ontario Honours and Awards Secretariat (OHAS) in the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport. Under Luc's stewardship, the government successfully delivered an annual timetable of honours, recognition and decorations and held large commemorative events. Luc has expertise in planning, budgeting and logistics, and he played a large part in establishing the Secretariat as a corporate resource. Prior to this role, Luc managed the Ontario Immigration Nominee Program and the French-Language Service corporate units within several ministries.

*Our new Director, Events & Industry Programs, Luc Vincent, can be reached at [vincent@cutaactu.ca](mailto:vincent@cutaactu.ca) or at extension 102.*

### **CUTA membership renewal 2019**

If you have not already done so, we invite you to renew your membership today. [Click here](#) to view, print, or pay your membership invoice, or please forward the invoice to the most appropriate person at your organization.

*If you have any questions, please contact [Winnie Tong](#) at extension 101.*

### **Webinar – What you need to know about electric bus scheduling and operations**

*Speaker: Roni Floman, Vice-President of Marketing, Optibus*

Electric vehicles are a new technology that present public transportation agencies and operators with a host of new challenges and questions about maintenance, utility charges, planning and scheduling. Are you interested in learning more about electric vehicles? If so, then join us for this webinar to hear:

- key planning considerations
- how to increase utilization
- how to adjust scheduling practices
- practical limitations

Join us on **July 31** from 1 to 2 pm EST. [Register here.](#) This webinar is offered in English only.

*For more details, please contact [webinar@cutaactu.ca](mailto:webinar@cutaactu.ca).*