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### **Infrastructure Canada update on federal infrastructure spending**

Infrastructure Canada published its first progress report on the Investing in Canada Plan on May 9. Entitled [\*Building a Better Canada\*](#), the report outlines the results of the federal government's infrastructure investments over the last three years, including in transit.

The report promotes the long-term economic growth and quality of life benefits associated with the \$42.3 billion invested by the federal government in 48,000 infrastructure projects since 2016. Infrastructure Canada is quick to point out that almost all these projects are either underway or completed. From a transit perspective, the report highlights that investments have led to over 3,600 new buses on Canadian roads, leading to more than 100,000 additional seats for riders; 4,900 repaired or refurbished buses; nearly 15,000 new or upgraded bus stops and shelters and 365 new light rail vehicles to increase capacity.

Some CUTA members were profiled by the government in the report. This includes investments made in the TTC for 60 new electric buses, 200 new jobs created by Nova Bus, BC Transit's use of new route planning technology, and Saint John's upgrade of 12 new accessible buses.

*For more information, please contact [Chad Jeudy-Hugo](#) at 514-207-7072.*

### **Ontario Collaborative Protocol for Rail Death Investigations**

A new transit/railway incident investigation protocol is set to be launched in Ontario at the end of May 2019. The Ontario Collaborative Protocol for Rail Death Investigations (O-CPRDI) is the result of a two-year collaboration with transportation, police and coroner representatives working together.

Rail death incidents, which includes subway, light rail, freight, passenger and commuter rail transportation systems, are all experiencing an alarming increase in frequency across the thousands of kilometres of railway tracks across the province. These unfortunate incidents can be as a result of an accident, suicide or, very rarely, a criminal act. Whenever they happen, an investigation must occur which involves agency partners including police, transportation authorities, the coroner and other specialized services. Historically police have investigated these tragic events as criminal investigations, even though the evidence supports the contrary. Delays in service delivery and in the investigation process result in increased costs for each agency involved, inefficient use of community resources and significantly increased risk to public and community safety caused by service delays, backlog, traffic congestion and potentially high-risk pedestrian movements.

The new O-CPRDI concept, endorsed by the Ontario Association of the Chiefs of Police in June 2018, sets the framework for agencies to work together to address these issues.

*For more information, contact [Steve Harvey](#), Metrolinx, at 416-202-4303 or 416-678-2453.*

**Get to know the new CUTA Centre of Excellence!**

At our recent spring symposium in St. John's, CEO Marco D'Angelo showed you a short video introducing the new online CUTA Centre of Excellence (COE).

This dynamic, interactive online platform positions CUTA as the only resource you need for transit research, data, and analysis. Check out our [video](#) and visit the new [COE](#) today.

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

### **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 at the [course description page](#).

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

### **The CUTA Workforce Development Committee announces the Supervisor's Networking Group**

This working group of the Workforce Development Committee will meet 6 times per year by conference call or webinar and is a forum for transit supervisors to discuss their work and responsibilities.

The group will share best practices, ask questions, and suggest topics and potential presenters at CUTA events. Some topics for discussion:

- supervisors' responses when called to dangerous situations
- refusal-of-service situations
- succession planning and career paths

The group is chaired by Trever Sparrow, Red Deer Transit's Superintendent, Conventional Services.

*For more information or to join the group, please contact [Kevin Brown](#) at extension 121.*

### **Public transit is one of the safest ways to travel**

This [blog](#) is the first in a new CUTA series on transit safety and security best practices. We encourage members to send us your own blog posts to let other members in the industry and the public know about the key issues your organization is working on/dealing with/excited about/pushing forward.

*If you have an idea for a safety and security blog, please contact [Johanne Palermo](#).*

### **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 about your membership, please do not hesitate to contact [membership@cutaactu.ca](mailto:membership@cutaactu.ca).*