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Open Call for Nominations on the CUTA Board of Directors for the period of 2020-2022

The CUTA Nominating Committee for 2019-2020 was established by the [Board of Directors](#) on November 10, 2019. The committee will be preparing its report for circulation to the membership at least ninety days in advance of the Annual Meeting in May 2020.

All CUTA members are invited to submit nominations. [Guidelines](#) and [forms](#) are available on the CUTA website. Nominations may be submitted directly to [Joanne Vézina](#), no later than **Thursday, January 16, 2020**.

For more information, contact [Joanne Vézina](#) at 416-365-9800 extension 617.

Trudeau names new cabinet

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau named his new cabinet on November 20, 2019 at Rideau Hall in Ottawa. Key movements are former Minister of Infrastructure and Communities **François-Phillippe Champagne** (Saint-Maurice – Champlain) moving to Foreign Affairs, and **Chrystia Freeland** (University – Rosedale) becoming Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs.

Minister of Transportation **Marc Garneau** (Notre-Dame-de-Grâce—Westmount) has remained in his portfolio. Former Environment Minister **Catherine McKenna** (Ottawa-Centre) has moved to become the new Minister of Infrastructure and Communities. She will bring experience on green infrastructure and transportation electrification to her new portfolio.

Bill Morneau (Toronto-Centre) will remain as Minister of Finance, **Navdeep Bains** (Mississauga – Malton) will remain as Minister of Innovation, Science and Industry, and **Seamus O'Regan** (St. John's South – Mount Pearl) will become the new Minister of Natural Resources. Québec MP **Pablo Rodriguez** (Honoré – Mercier) will become the Leader of the Government in the House of Commons, a very important role in charge of working with other parties to steer government legislation through a minority Parliament.

For more information, please contact [Nathaniel Wallace](#) at 416-365-9800 extension 615.

CUTA hosts Major Projects Roundtable

Transit system representatives joined federal and provincial funding partners and agencies on Wednesday, November 20 in Toronto for a discussion on lessons-learned in the delivery of major transit infrastructure projects in Canada. Participants discussed the challenges and opportunities inherent to both publicly financed and P3 infrastructure build-out, including capacity issues that constrain project partners in delivering on time and on budget. Participants also shared best practices to get the best out of project consortia in an environment where multiple mega projects are being done across the country at the same time.

For more information, please contact [Chad Jeudy-Hugo](#) at 416-365-9800 extension 614.

2020 CUTA Events

Our 2019 Annual Conference may have ended, but we are hard at work planning our [events for 2020](#). We will host a spring event in Ottawa and our Annual Conference 2020 in Québec City. Keep an eye out for future updates!

For more information, please contact conferences@cutaactu.ca.

#CUTAyyc – Generating Innovation in Calgary

This month, CUTA travelled to Calgary and hosted its Annual Conference and Transit Show, connecting hundreds of professionals dedicated to transit and integrated urban mobility. Between the Young Leaders Summit, technical tours, UITP International Rail Forum, Data Blitz, Canadian Transit Show, Leadership Awards ceremony, CEOs Unplugged and Safety & Security Roundtable; there was something for everyone. Check out our [re-cap blog](#) and [photo gallery](#) to learn more about #CUTAyyc or relive the experience!

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2019 CUTA Corporate and Individual Leadership Awards

At a [prestigious awards ceremony](#), as part of the CUTA's Annual Conference in Calgary, many transit systems, organizations and individuals were recognized for their contributions to our industry. Check out our [2019 CUTA Awards Program](#) and [Hall of Fame](#) to learn more about our winners.

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Webinar: Managing the Transition to Scheduling and Operating Electric Buses

More and more transit agencies are looking to add battery-electric buses to their fleets. Ultimately, the goal is to operate only with electric buses, but electric buses bring special constraints and considerations for planning, scheduling and operations. How long and how far can they operate between charges? How long does charging take? Where can it be done? What is the impact on fleet size? Learn about the answers to these questions and more in our newest webinar Managing the Transition to Scheduling and Operating Electric Buses on **Dec 6th at 10am EST**.

Houari Cheikhi of GIRO, the maker of the HASTUS optimization software for public transit, will present strategies for transitioning to all-electric fleets. He will provide insights into planning considerations and propose scheduling and operations solutions. To register for the webinar, please follow this [link](#).

For more information, please contact [Oliver Nicholls](#) at 416-365-9800 extension 114.

The Urban Mobility Forum Magazine is now available!

The winter issue of Urban Mobility Forum magazine is available [online](#). Here are a few of our features:

- [Driving Forward with Calgary Transit](#)
- [TransLink's Transit Fare Review](#)
- [Program Evaluation of Low-Income Transit Pass Program](#)

Please note [advertising](#) for the next issue (Spring 2020) of Urban Mobility Forum magazine is currently open. You can consult [Naylor's Media Kit](#) for more information. For advertising in the magazine, please email [SaraCatherine Goodwin](mailto:SaraCatherine.Goodwin@naylor.com) at Naylor Association Solutions.

For more information, contact [Johanne Palermo](#) at 416-365-9800 extension 120.

FCM 2020 Sustainable Communities Awards

Do you want your community to be recognized as a sustainability leader? Nominate your municipality for [FCM's 2020 Sustainable Communities Awards](#)! The awards celebrate the most innovative local sustainability projects from across the country in the following categories:

- GMF 20th Anniversary Visionary Award
- Asset management
- Brownfields
- Climate change
- Energy
- Neighbourhoods
- Transportation
- Waste
- Water

The winning projects leverage current and advanced technologies as well as best practices in the area of environmental and sustainability and can be replicated and scaled up across Canada to achieve national quality-of-life, sustainability and climate goals.

Award winners receive local and national recognition and promotion for their initiatives, and the honour of presenting at FCM's Sustainable Communities Conference on October 20-22, 2020 in St. John's, NL. We encourage you to share with your networks and social media connections.

*Communities do not need to be members of FCM or have received funding from FCM in order to be eligible. [Learn more](#) and apply by **March 31, 2020**.*

Welcome to our new members

Urban Solar Corp. – *Business – Manufacturer/Supplier*

University of Calgary – Department of Civil Engineering – *Affiliate - University*

Bosch Engineering North America – *Business – Manufacturer/Supplier*

Nagels North America – *Business – Manufacturer/Supplier*

Jacob Terry – *Affiliate – Student*

Vincent Patterson – *Affiliate - Individual*

Spare Labs Inc. – *Business – Manufacturer/Supplier*

Optimus SBR – *Business – Consultant*

NoviClean Inc. – *Business – Manufacturer/Supplier*

Keep your information up to date at membership@cutaactu.ca.