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Federal Election Concludes with Liberals in the Driver's Seat

The votes have been counted, and Canada has chosen a minority parliament led by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. The story of the night is the resurgence of the Bloc Quebecois which now has 32 seats and the third largest caucus in Parliament. They took most of the NDP's seats in Quebec, who now have a smaller caucus at 24 MPs. The Conservatives gained seats and won the popular vote, closing their seat count at 121 MPs but lost party veteran and Deputy Leader Lisa Raitt in the process. The Green results were perhaps bittersweet for the party, with a breakthrough on the East Coast and a failure to pick up seats on Vancouver Island after high expectations.

None of the party leaders resigned on election night, and given the fractious nature of minority Parliaments, a snap election could be expected earlier than 2023. While the Liberals managed to hold on to their rock-solid grip of Halifax and the GTA, they lost all their seats in both Saskatchewan and Alberta. As a result, Ralph Goodale and Amarjeet Sohi, two high-profile cabinet ministers, were defeated in their ridings. How Trudeau will choose to govern without representation of two prairie provinces in his caucus will remain to be seen, but his victory speech was conciliatory, stating he will 'govern for all Canadians'.

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

Political Parties Made Transit a Priority – Now Time to Hold Them to their Promises

CUTA's #PriorityTransit campaign was a success, with our messages reaching a combined audience of 7.4 million readers across print, digital and radio news outlets, including the 1.7 million impressions garnered by our social media campaign. Through our Transit Policy Forums, we were able to put public transit as a key issue on the map this federal election. With our [analysis of the party platforms](#) culminating in our [platform report card](#) we highlighted how all federal political parties [positively included transit in their platforms](#).

Our election newsletter which tracked party announcements and political developments related to transit was a success and will have one final release this week. CUTA's public affairs team looks forward to developing relationships in the new parliament, advancing our industry's priorities and keeping parties to the promises they made that benefit transit.

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#CUTAYyc – Register today for CUTA's 2019 Annual Conference and Transit Show!

This event takes place **November 10 to 13 in Calgary**, Alberta. With sessions on fleet electrification, customer engagement, transit data and smart ticketing tech, you won't want to miss out on how the transit industry is generating innovation. Take a look at the [detailed program](#).

This year we are also pleased to present the *International Rail Forum for North America* in collaboration with the International Association of Public Transport (UITP). The CUTA/UITP Rail Forum will include

important discussions on bold new rail projects, LRT operational excellence and the digitalization of the transit industry. Speakers are coming to Calgary from around the world to participate in the Forum, including transit professionals from Poland, Germany, Australia and Saudi Arabia.

Looking for somewhere to stay while you are in Calgary? We have secured an overflow room block at the Calgary Marriott Downtown Hotel. **Book before October 28 to benefit from the reduced rate!** [Click here](#) to secure a room.

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

SCAM ALERT! Notice Regarding Unauthorized Hotel Booking Agencies

It has come to CUTA's attention that a third-party convention and Exhibition housing service is soliciting our members, claiming to offer cheaper hotel rates than we have negotiated for conferences. We are issuing a recommendation to anyone planning to attend CUTA conferences and who wish to book at the host hotel, the Marriott in Calgary, only to do so through the hotel [booking link here](#).

Please be suspicious of anyone calling you to say that they are representing CUTA as a convention housing service or housing agency. We have not hired a third party to sell hotel rooms on our behalf and the agency which was brought to our attention is based in the US. There is a risk of members losing any deposits paid to third parties and even to having credit cards compromised.

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

#CUTAyyc – Safety and Security Roundtable & Working Group

On Wednesday, **November 13**, there will be a full day of safety and security sessions. This will include two morning safety sessions and a full afternoon of security sessions in partnership with Transport Canada's Surface Transportation team. This day of sessions is called the Safety & Security Roundtable and will cover topics including bus, rail, health, cybersecurity, infrastructure and more. CUTA members registered for the conference can attend the roundtable and/or the working group meeting on **November 14** at no additional fee but are asked to [register here](#).

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

#CUTAyyc – Featuring Canada's largest transit and bus exhibition

Interested in showcasing your latest products or tech? [Book your space](#) today at our 100,000 square foot Transit Show in Calgary. Booth and bus spaces are selling fast!

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Discover CUTA's Young Leaders Summit

Be seen alongside your colleagues supporting the industry's young leaders who are interested in regional transit, sustainable transportation issues and career opportunities. Become a Young Leaders Summit [sponsor today!](#)

The [Young Leaders Summit](#) takes place just prior to [CUTA's Annual Conference and Transit Show](#) in Calgary in November.

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

Membership referral incentive program

Refer a new member to CUTA. If they have never been a CUTA member and they join because you refer them, you will receive a \$500 gift voucher, which can be redeemed for a CUTA learning event, conference registration, transit show booth, fact book, or towards your membership.

For further information, please [click here](#) or contact membership@cutaactu.ca.