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### **CUTA Prominent at Urban Transit Infrastructure Conference**

Late last month, CUTA delivered the opening address at the Canadian Institute's conference on Delivering Urban Transit Infrastructure in Toronto, where President & CEO **Michael Roschlau** presented a national portrait on transit infrastructure needs and trends, including an overview of 2014-2018 capital infrastructure requirements. The conference attracted over 100 senior public and private sector professionals, including remarks from PPP Canada, Partnerships BC and Infrastructure Ontario, as well as a closing address from the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development, Employment and Infrastructure.

For more information, contact [Michael Roschlau](#) at extension 104.

### **Annual Conference a Great Success**

CUTA's "Innovation in Motion" conference in Winnipeg earlier this month was a tremendous success, with over 350 delegates from across North America and Europe attending a series of dynamic and inspiring sessions and workshops. Highlights of the event included keynote addresses by the Canadian Ambassador to the United States **Gary Doer**, Winnipeg Mayor **Brian Bowman**, Manitoba Minister of Infrastructure & Transportation **Steve Ashton**, Manitoba Chief Provincial Public Health Officer **Michael Routledge** and former Deputy Mayor of the City of Helsinki, Finland **Hannu Penttilä**, as well as a wide variety of sessions covering topics ranging from rail innovation and bus rapid transit to electrification, alternative funding, workforce training, public private partnerships and mobility management.

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### **New Transit Vision 2040 Unveiled in Winnipeg**

The first five-year review of Transit Vision 2040 was unveiled at the CUTA Annual Conference in Winnipeg earlier this month, fully incorporating the concepts of integrated urban mobility, with a new emphasis on constructive citizen engagement, adaptation and resilience, as well as links between transit as a lifestyle choice and public health. An entirely new theme stresses the importance of harnessing technology to engage and collaborate with new mobility stakeholders, develop a technology and innovation roadmap, prepare for connected and autonomous vehicles, build data programs, and position transit within the Smart Cities agenda.

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### **CUTA Membership Elects New Board and Executive Members**

At its Annual General Meeting earlier this month, CUTA members elected the Association's Officers and Directors for 2015-2016. Changes to the Executive Committee include the election of Amy Miller of Clever Devices as Vice Chair – Business Members, Laurent Chevrot of RTL (Longueuil) as Vice Chair – Integrated Mobility, Pat Delmore of Transit Windsor as Vice Chair – Communications & Public Affairs, and Alain Mercier of RTC (Quebec City) as Vice Chair – Technical Services. New Directors elected to the Board for the first time or appointed since the last Annual General Meeting are Pierre Bourbonnière of STM (Montreal), Martin Breault of the Quebec Ministry of Transportation, Alex Milojevic of Brampton Transit, Kelly Paleczny from the London Transit Commission, Scott Pass of PW Transit, Greg Percy of GO Transit, Sean Rathwell from the MMM Group, Marvin Rotrand of STM (Montreal), Vinay Sharda from the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, Chris Upfold of the Toronto Transit Commission, and Alan Woodland from the Car Sharing Association.

Special thanks are extended to outgoing Vice Chair – Technical Services **Gary McNeil** and Vice Chair – Business Members **Mario Pélouquin** as well as to retiring Directors **France Dompierre**, **Larry Ducharme**, **Bob Howe**, **Don Hull**, **Marc Laforge**, **Bob McDonald**, **Andrew Posluns**, **Russ Powers** and **Joan Taylor**.

A complete list of the CUTA Board of Directors and Executive Committee may be found on the [CUTA web site](#). For more information, contact [Michael Roschlau](#) at extension 104.

### **Corporate Leadership Award Winners Announced**

The winners in the 2015 CUTA Corporate Leadership Awards were announced at the recent Annual Conference in Winnipeg. Recognizing corporate accomplishments in innovation, marketing and communications, safety and security as well as environmental performance, 13 awards were presented at the ceremony. The award winners included AMT (Montréal), GO

Transit (Toronto), Metrolinx, London Transit Commission, MiWay (Mississauga), Saskatoon Transit, STL (Laval), STM (Montréal), Toronto Transit Commission, and York Region Transit.

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### **CUTA Addresses ATU Canadian Convention**

CUTA President & CEO **Michael Roschlau** delivered an address to delegates at the Amalgamated Transit Union Canadian Council during its Annual Convention in Winnipeg earlier this month. Michael stressed the importance of union-management collaboration at all levels and celebrated successes of the partnership between CUTA and ATU, including federal funding, the tax credit for transit passes, changes to the Criminal Code to protect transit operators against assaults and the Motor Carrier Passenger Council. ATU locals can make a significant contribution by working with transit systems in developing transit supportive policies at the municipal level, enhancing customer service and engaging in provincial advocacy. Shared goals and objectives around growing transit's future role in urban mobility services mean union and management have great potential for working together, especially in the lead-up to the 2015 federal election.

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### **Canada Prominent at UITP World Congress**

At the 61<sup>st</sup> UITP World Public Transport Congress in Milan earlier this month, CUTA President & CEO **Michael Roschlau** chaired a panel on "The Public Transport Challenge in Sprawling Cities and Low Density Areas," with a presentation by CUTA Chair **Daniel Bergeron** who outlined the Canadian experience with addressing the challenge of improving public transit in suburban areas in the context of Transit Vision 2040 and its strategic direction on a quantum leap for suburban transit. Other examples at this session were drawn from Australia and New Zealand. The Canadian delegation was also active promoting the next version of this event, entitled **Global Public Transport Summit**, which will be held in May 2017 in Montreal, hosted by AMT and STM, in collaboration with CUTA.

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### **UITP Elects New Executive and Policy Boards**

At its latest General Assembly, held in Milan last week, UITP members elected new Executive and Policy Boards. Representing North America on the Executive Board for the 2015-2017 term is President & CEO of the Utah Transit Authority (UTA) **Michael Allegra**. Canadian representatives on the Policy Board include CUTA Chair **Daniel Bergeron**, CUTA Vice Chair – Technical Services **Alain Mercier** and Board member **Luc Tremblay**, as well as Metrolinx President & CEO **Bruce McCuaig**. As such, for the coming two-year term, Canada will have four representatives on the UITP Policy Board, an important representation in the years leading up to the Global Public Transport Summit, which will take place in Montreal in 2017.

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### **Moncton's fleet gets a needed renewal**

Great news for Moncton and its aging bus fleet, which has been creating operational challenges for the city in recent years. Funding from the Province of New Brunswick, the Federal Government and City of Moncton for the replacement of 11, heavy-duty, 40-foot transit buses over the next four years was announced on May 21. The Federal Government will be contributing up to \$2.7 million from its Building Canada Plan for the renewal.

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### **2014 Transit Statistics - Deadline Extended to June 19**

The deadline for submitting both Urban Transit Statistics and Specialized Transit Statistics has been extended to **Friday, June 19, 2015**. Over 75% of CUTA member specialized transit systems and 65% CUTA member conventional transit systems have already completed and submitted their 2014 operating data to CUTA. The data will be used for publishing the annual Transit Fact Books which are useful to transit managers and planners. Transit members are encouraged to submit their finalized 2014 data to [Tammy Siu](#), Industry Data Coordinator before this extended submission date.

To find out more about the status of the 2014 data collection, please visit [CUTA's 2015 Industry Data Schedule](#).

### **2015 Transit Infrastructure Report Card – Deadline June 12**

The Canadian Urban Institute (CUI) sent an invitation to all Canadian conventional transit systems to participate the 2015 Transit Infrastructure Report Card in late May. The submission deadline is this **Friday, June 12**. Please note that CUTA has been working closely with CUI to develop this survey which covers the asset data on volume, condition and capacity of transit in Canada. All Canadian transit systems are encouraged to participate in this activity to allow CUI to complete the Transit Asset section on the 2015 Canadian Infrastructure Report Card this summer. Thank you for the transit systems have already answered this survey. If you have not yet responded to this survey, we encourage you to take this action before June 12.

*For more information, please contact [Wendy Reuter](#), Director of Research and Technical Services. For request a link to answer this survey, please contact [Tammy Siu](#), Industry Data Coordinator.*

### **Take Transit Ambassador on the West Coast!**

Transit Ambassador is picking up speed with our colleagues in the states and we are answering to their customer service and reduction of operator assaults by having open enrollment learning events on the west coast. In [Transit Ambassador Train the Trainer Core Modules](#), one can learn the core skills of good customer service, effective communication, managing feedback and stress. Join us from July 27-31 in Los Angeles for [Transit Ambassador Core Modules Certification](#) and learn how you can create a culture of customer service excellence!

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