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CUTA's 2016 Transit Awareness Days are back, bigger and better than ever!

SAVE THE DATE and [Register today!](#)

Every year, CUTA members gather in Ottawa to deliver important messages to decision makers on **Parliament Hill** and keep them up-to-date with the latest developments and expert analysis in the transit industry. This year we are adding an all new **Policy Forum** at the Delta Hotel on September 19. The Forum will bring transit experts from across Canada as well as key players from all levels of government together to discuss issues related to transit, the environment, innovation and investment.

The price of admission is free for both CUTA members and non-members!

- Monday, **September 19**, 2016 (full day) [Transit Policy Forum](#) (Delta Hotel – Ottawa City Centre)
- Tuesday, **September 20**, 2016 (full day) [Transit Advocacy Day](#) (Parliament Hill)

[Register for Transit Awareness Days](#)

For more information contact [Alex Maheu](#) at 613-788-7985.

Government of Canada seeks input on its new public transit fund

The Government of Canada is looking for input on Phase 2 of its national infrastructure plan by September 16, 2016. As a member of the transit industry, we want to make sure that your voice is being heard at this pivotal time for transit investment in Ottawa. Join the conversation by going to:

<http://www.infraconsults.ca/public-transit> .

You can submit your views through an eWorkbork, a public discussion, a formal written submission or even a photo or video submission.

For more information, contact Jeff Mackey at mackey@cutaactu.ca

Read CUTA's recommendations for the 2017 Federal Budget

Urban transit will be a major part of the current federal government's infrastructure plans, with an expected \$20 Billion being invested over the next 10 years. Read CUTA's official recommendations for the [2017 Federal Budget](#).

The recommendations cover everything from Phase 2 of the government's infrastructure plans, to how transit can play a role in the government's plan to reduce GHG emissions and invest in Research and Development.

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CUTA Fall Conference Updates!

Transit Show – Selling Fast!

CUTA Business Members and Government Members may reserve booth and vehicle space [online](#) for the [2016 Canadian Transit Show](#), Canada's Bus and Transit Exhibition. The floor plan, exhibitor manual and

order forms are available [online](#). The 2016 Canadian Transit Show will be held at the Vancouver Convention Centre in Vancouver on **Tuesday November 8, 2016**. The event promises to be as popular as ever, with exhibit space in a state of the art facility and with easy pedestrian access – both above and underground - to the [Fairmont Waterfront](#) hotel where the [CUTA Fall Conference](#) will be held. Over 1000 transit decision makers are expected to attend. Register and submit a company profile by **September 15, 2016** to be included in the show guide in the November issue of [Canadian Transit Forum Magazine](#).

Fall Conference in beautiful Vancouver!

Registration and early bird pricing for the [2016 CUTA Fall Conference](#) are still open. If you register on or before **September 16, 2016**, CUTA members will receive the early-bird price.

[New! Our Sponsorship Opportunities & Benefits section](#) has a new look! CUTA offers a wide range of “exclusive” sponsorship opportunities to attract the audience you want to reach! There is something for everyone, with the option to mix and match items and events to suit your promotional budget and goal. Have something unique in mind? [We'd love to chat!](#)

Please email [Paulina Cadena](#) for further details.

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 [Fairmont Waterfront Hotel](#) in Vancouver, only to do so through the hotel [link](#) on our website. **Protect yourself!**

Please be suspicious of anyone calling you or emailing 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 deposits paid to third parties and even having credit cards compromised.

Please report any contact you may receive from a third party in writing to [Paulina Cadena, Events Planner](#)

Individual Leadership Awards – Nominations Open!

CUTA is now accepting nominations for our 2016 Individual Leadership Awards.

Every morning thousands of Canadians make their way to work on public transit, and to jobs in public transit: 57,269 in 2014 alone, to be exact. Transit moves because amazing people move it; and you don't need to look far to find those [inspiring sustainable change](#). Who among your colleagues has risen to a challenge, responded in extraordinary circumstances or revolutionized policy because of their direct impact? We want to hear about it – more importantly we want to celebrate it.

Join us Wednesday November 9th, during our Vancouver Fall Conference, for an entertaining ceremony and to acknowledge leaders in Canadian transit. [Nominations due September 16th](#).

Leadership Awards will be presented in the following categories: **Excellence, Distinguished Service, Heroism, and The W.G. Ross Lifetime Achievement Award.**

To learn more about the categories and [nomination guidelines](#), please visit our website, or contact [Jaimie Hildebrand](#), Events & Program Coordinator. [Nominate today!](#)

The Canadian Transit Industry comes together to support Fort McMurray

At the CUTA Annual Conference in May 2016, TOK Transit challenged our industry to support Fort McMurray with a generous initial pledge of \$50,000.

Canadian Transit Industry Financial Contribution: \$70,000

Important and meaningful contributions are not always measured in dollars. Canadian transit systems have rallied around Fort McMurray:

Edmonton Transit, Calgary Transit, City of Grande Prairie and St. Albert Transit have supported Fort McMurray in the following ways:

- Transportation for over 25,000 people to shelter locations within the city of Edmonton
- 24-hour coverage of up to 20 buses per day to transfer evacuees from the airport to either the Hospital or the City's Emergency Reception Centre
- Staffing support for the City's Emergency Operations Centre
- Emergency firefighters, operators, supervisors, building inspectors, mechanics, admin staff
- Transportation for firefighters and equipment to and from Fort McMurray
- Honouring Fort McMurray transit passes on local services

For more information, please visit our [website](#).