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Call for Abstracts - 2016 Annual Conference Transforming Transit

Cities grow, demographics shift, customer expectations evolve and people keep moving. How is the transit industry keeping pace? To remain at the centre of the unique communities it serves and be the pillar of integrated mobility, transit needs to be responsive - it needs to **Transform**.

We want to hear from you about the challenges, opportunities and ideas taking shape as you respond to communities in motion.

Take the time to [submit an abstract](#) for the opportunity to present to transit leaders of today and tomorrow at [CUTA's Annual Conference](#) in Halifax from May 14-18, 2015.

[SUBMIT AN ABSTRACT](#) Deadline for submissions is January 27, 2016.

For more information please contact conferences@cutaactu.ca.

Nominating Committee / Submission of nominations

As a reminder, the CUTA Nominating Committee for 2016, will prepare its report for circulation to the membership at least ninety days in advance of the Annual Meeting, scheduled for May 2016 in Halifax, NS. All CUTA members are invited to submit nominations. Forms are [available on the CUTA website](#). Nominations may be submitted directly to CUTA by email to the attention of [Joanne Vézina](#), no later than **Monday 25 January 2016**.

For more information please contact [Joanne Vézina](#) at 613-690-5139.

CUTA Membership 2016

CUTA would like to thank you for your support as a member. The past year serves to demonstrate what can be achieved through the collective representation of public transit. Your collaboration and dedication to our common interests and values have been central to the success of the Association and the public transit industry as a whole. With membership growing every day, it is clear that the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) is the national forum for you to network with the transit industry in an effective and cost-efficient manner. Clearly, membership in CUTA now makes more sense than ever. It is the place to be in Canada's transit industry. As we prepare for the coming years, we are working to develop an even stronger support network among our members and stakeholders to implement the themes and strategic directions of Transit Vision 2040.

If you have not already paid your 2016 membership fee, we have made it really easy to [pay for your membership \(or print your invoice\)](#) to avoid any interruption in membership services. We look forward to the coming year, as we work with you to develop an even stronger support network among our members, to support you in your organization's goals, and work together towards Transit Vision 2040.

For more information, please contact [Winnie Tong](#), Acting Membership Coordinator.

Training and Professional Development Update

Happy New Year! We are really excited for 2016 and we can't wait to start working with our members at your New Year's resolution to gain more knowledge and achieve the next step in professional development. Our learning event [calendar](#) is up on our website and we are starting the year off with [Transit Ambassador](#) in Stockton, California and [Transit Supervision Series- Strategies for New Supervisors](#) and [Effectiveness](#) in Vaughan, Ontario. If you have missed registering for these offerings, not to worry we have other dates available!

For more information or to register use on the [online registration form](#) or contact [training](#) at ext. 121.

SmartDRIVER is calling out for participants

The training department has been approached by several properties in Ontario to have a training for [SmartDRIVER](#) in 2016. This will be an open enrollment event, so we are calling out for participants to join the training! [Contact us](#) with your availability and number of people you would like trained on [SmartDRIVER](#).

Membership Referral Incentive Program 2015 – iPad Winner

CUTA would like to thank all members who participated in the Membership Referral Incentive Program in 2015 and referred prospective members to join our Association. In 2015, all referring members received a \$50 gift card and an entry in an iPad draw.

And the 2015 winner for the iPad is...**Clayne Woodbury (FAAC Incorporated)**! Congratulations and thank you for your contribution in growing the CUTA network.

For more information, please contact [Winnie Tong](#), Acting Membership Coordinator.

NEW - Membership Referral Incentive Program 2016!

As a member of the Canadian Urban Transit Association, you are excited to be involved in the transit industry as it grows, innovates and integrates across multiple modes of transportation. We value your membership and are looking for others who are also passionate about inspiring and influencing the evolution of integrated urban mobility. When you refer a potential new member to CUTA who then joins the Association, you will be creating a stronger community and network of collaboration partners.

NEW for 2016 – For each membership referral, you will receive a \$500 credit voucher towards CUTA Training, Conference, Expo booth space, Transit Market Fact Books, or your Membership – your choice! It's our way of saying thank-you for your commitment to the movement of people to wherever life takes them. Simply email us the contact information of the organization or person you are referring. There is no limit to the number of members you can recruit. Please share this new membership referral incentive program with all employees. See full details and conditions on the [CUTA website](#).

For more information, please contact [Winnie Tong](#), Acting Membership Coordinator. Email your referrals to membership@cutaactu.ca.

Industry Data Program Updates

The 2014 Canadian Transit Fact Book, Specialized Transit Fact Book, and Canadian Transit Fleet & On-Board Equipment Fact Book were distributed to CUTA's Transit System and Government Agency Members last September. Other Members with an interest in the Canadian transit statistics can purchase Fact Books by sending a completed [order form](#) to [Tammy Siu](#), Industry Data Coordinator.

CUTA's Research and Technical Services Department is currently preparing the 2015 Urban Transit Statistics and Specialized Transit Statistics questionnaires, 2016 Fare Updates, and updating the 2015 Asset and Fleet and On-Board Equipment Statistics. Transit System Members will start receiving the data submission requests in late January. More information will be provided in an upcoming EXPRESSions. Members can learn more about our data collection status on the [2016 Industry Data Schedule](#). As recommended by our Members, CUTA posted the Canadian historical transit statistics on our website.

Please contact [Wendy Reuter](#), Vice President – Member Value if you have any comments on this enhancement.

Tammy Sui – Retirement Announcement – Tammy Siu

It saddens us to announce the retirement of Tammy Siu, Coordinator Industry Data.

Tammy has been an integral part of CUTA and in fact the Canadian Transit Industry for the last 22 years. Having contributed and lead the Canadian Transit Fact Books for 20 years, Tammy's contributions will always be valued and remembered. She can proudly know that her work has contributed to knowledge in the industry, and so many members directly. Tammy's hard work, commitment, and dedication are worthy of admiration and she will be greatly missed. Filling her shoes will be an almost impossible task.

I consider myself very lucky to have had the opportunity to work with Tammy over the last several years. On behalf of everyone at CUTA, I would like to wish Tammy the best of luck and tremendous enjoyment in her retirement – and hope our paths cross often ~Wendy Reuter, Vice President, Member Value