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Annual Conference – Halifax, Nova Scotia - SAVE THE DATE! Mark Your Calendars!

The 2016 CUTA [Annual Conference](#) will be held from May 14 – 18, 2016 in beautiful and scenic Halifax, Nova Scotia. Halifax Transit will be playing host with the theme *Transforming Transit*.

Stay tuned as we develop an exciting conference program with content on *Mobility Management, Greening and Energy, Accessibility* and popular roundtables on *Labour Relations and Small Systems*. Also included is the 8th Annual Transit Leaders Seminar. Conference registration will open in mid-February.

Watch CUTA's website for exciting conference updates and plan to be with us in Halifax!

Book your Accommodations – CUTA Hotel Room Block now open!

For this year's Annual Conference, we have selected the [Marriott Halifax Harbourfront Hotel](#). This upscale harbourfront property offers stunning waterfront views, modern rooms and is within walking distance of many main attractions. Delegates are encouraged to book early as the room block will fill up quickly!

For further information please contact Paulina Cadena at conferences@cutaactu.ca

CUTA Corporate Leadership Awards Nominations Now Open

The Canadian transit industry is innovative and vibrant: It is a network of people, systems and companies working together or towards the common goal of keeping Canadians on the move - using and *transforming transit* in their communities.

Efforts are made every year to improve, innovate and breathe life into every aspect of the transit industry - and every year CUTA is proud to recognize the efforts and excellence of its members by presenting **Corporate Leadership Awards** in the categories of **Environment, Innovation, Marketing and Communications and Safety and Security**.

[Nominate Today!](#)

CUTA Transit System Members and Business Members are eligible to be recognized for initiatives and improvements made in the industry. Learn more about the [nomination guidelines](#), award categories and nominate your organization today!

The deadline for nominations is March 1 2016

We are proud to highlight past winners of the CUTA Corporate Leadership Awards! View Environmental Awards Winner – [Metrolinx's Journey to Energy Excellence](#) from the **2015 Corporate Awards**. Video brought to you by Trapeze Group.

For more information contact us at conferences@cutaactu.ca.

Call for Abstracts - 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.

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.

National Tournament of Sociétés de Transport Québec 2016

You only have a few days left to register!

The tournament will be at the arena Les 3 Glaces in Québec. Accommodations will be at the [Hilton Québec](#). Each team will have to submit their [official list](#) of players no later than **January 31, 2016** ([rules of tournament](#)).

For more information, please contact Jean Pelletier, inspecteur/Direction des opérations – Division de l'exploitation at 418-627-2351 extension 8101 or at j.pelletier@rtcquebec.ca.

Training and Professional Development Update

We are already at the end of January, oh how time flies! We would like to thank the participants that attended our learning events so far this month, [Transit Supervision – Strategies for New Supervisors](#) and [Transit Supervision – Effectiveness](#) in Vaughan, Ontario. We will be running [Transit Supervision – Communications](#) on February 8-9 in Vaughan, Ontario, so if you are missing this module to complete your [Transit Supervision Certification](#), register now there a few spots left. If you have missed registering for these offerings, not to worry we have other dates available for our Transit Supervision Certification throughout February and March!

With January having come and gone so quickly, spring may already be in your thoughts, so why not register for [Transit Scheduling and Runcutting Level I](#) on April 18-22, 2016 being held at Yorkville Conference Centre in the heart of Toronto.

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 enrolment 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](#).