



## Website news, donations, and renewals!

We're very excited to announce the launch of our new CRM system. Our new system makes registering as a member, renewing that membership, and making donations easier than ever. It also saves us time, enabling us to focus more on the advocacy work you expect from us.

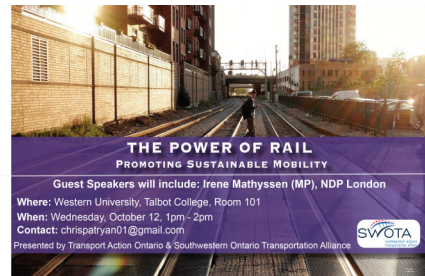
If you're a member, you will now see email renewals sent to you with a special link to renew using your own personalized form. If you're not yet a member, consider signing up to become one at [www.transportaction.ca/join-us/](http://www.transportaction.ca/join-us/)

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## Power of Rail Symposium at Western University

The Southwestern Ontario Transportation Alliance (SWOTA) and Transport Action Ontario (TAO) hosted a symposium on Oct. 12, 2016, promoting better passenger rail service for Western students and faculty. Our special guest was NDP MP Irene Mathysen. The symposium featured a discussion of TAO's High Performance Rail approach, as documented in our "Network Southwest" report. Full details are provided on the TAO website.



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## State of play regarding Lac-Mégantic's quest for justice and for safety of oil transported by rail.

It has been more than three years since the Lac-Mégantic rail disaster, which killed 47 people; left 27 children orphaned; spilled six million litres of crude oil, poisoning the land and waterways; destroyed the town centre; and traumatized a community - trauma that continues to afflict its residents. Combining lives lost, environmental damage and physical destruction the July 6, 2013 Lac-Mégantic rail disaster is - outside of wartime - without precedent in modern Canadian history .

[More details here.](#)

## Ottawa Light Rail Project Now Really Visible

The casual resident or visitor to Ottawa will no doubt note the catenary now visible at several locations of the Ottawa Light Rail Transit system under construction. While construction has been under way for more than two years now, the work was not highly visible to a casual observer, unless you were inconvenienced by down-town construction locations. But who can

miss the poles and wires of the catenary system, a proud symbol of what we are about to get by the spring of 2017.

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## Hopes run high for New Brunswick's RuralLynx

RuralLynx may soon be a reality in New Brunswick's Charlotte County, bringing renewed mobility to the people of small towns and rural communities and connecting them with the public services they need in Saint John. The Southwest New Brunswick Transit Authority Inc. pitched its business plan to provincial Transportation Minister Bill Fraser and senior officials on October 27 th.



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## Gaspésie Railway Reps to meet with Minister of Transport

According to Radio Gaspésie, representatives of the Gaspésie Railway, the MNAs for Bonaventure and for Gaspé will soon meet the Minister of Transport (Québec) to convince him to fund the return of the (passenger) train to their line. The track has to be upgraded to passenger train standards according to VIA Rail which has stated it will restart the "Chaleur" train if the track is upgraded.



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## Links we found interesting

[Liberals to lift foreign ownership of domestic airlines, draft bill of rights for passengers](#)

[Metrolinx files notice of intent to cancel Bombardier light rail vehicle contract](#)

[Transportation 2030 plan paves way for a level playing field for grain shippers](#)

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