



TRANSPORT ACTION  
CANADA

## Transport Action News - May 2022



*VIA business class car 4004, recently overhauled and refitted with 2+1 seating, was originally built for the Western Railway of Alabama in 1949 and is not the oldest of the "heritage fleet"*

## New leadership at VIA Rail Canada

Hello ,

Following the early departure of Cynthia Garneau last month, we welcome Martin R. Landry, previously Chief Commercial Officer, who has stepped up to serve as President and CEO of VIA Rail Canada. Mr. Landry has been with VIA Rail for eight years, and will be immediately taking on several challenges including overseeing the ongoing service recovery after the pandemic; the implementation of the new reservation system, expected this fall; together with the entry into service of the new corridor fleet.

With the High Frequency Rail procurement now being led by Transport Canada, we hope the VIA Rail will be able to turn its attention to securing funding to replace of the long-distance "heritage fleet" of stainless steel equipment and revitalizing the national network beyond the corridor, with Transport Action's continued support.

## AGM and Guest Speaker - Claire Trevena Saturday June 11th

Don't miss Transport Action Canada's online Annual General Meeting this Saturday, with guest speaker **Claire Trevena**,



**former BC Minister of Transportation**, addressing the subject of transport integration - ensuring easy connections from one mode of public transport to another.

**When:** Saturday June 11, 2022, 1pm Eastern - 10am Pacific

**Where:** Zoom Online Video and Telephone Conference

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As our AGM approaches, thank you again for your support for Transport Action, for our volunteers, board members, and myself over the past year.

## We Are Hiring - Summer Job

We are offering a paid student job this summer, to support our efforts to research the motorcoach industry and advocate for integrated public transport services across Canada. Applicants must be aged between 15 and 30 and eligible to participate in the Canada Summer Jobs program. The position can be remote or working at our Ottawa office. For details see: <https://www.jobbank.gc.ca/jobsearch/jobposting/36136653>

Sincerely,

Terry Johnson, President  
Transport Action Canada



## One tunnel or two? The Third Link is a superhighway...

The recently proposed changes to the Québec Third Link project do not make it any more acceptable, and Transport Action continues to share the concerns of Équiterre, Accès Transports Viables, Trajectoire Québec, the David Suzuki Foundation, Vivre ...

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## Work underway on Vancouver's Broadway subway extension

Visitors to Vancouver taking the Canada Line downtown, stopping at Broadway City Hall station will see the construction that marks the recent start of Canada's newest public transit expansion (complete with its own website): a \$2.83 Billion...

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### Atlantic Transport News

Transit agencies struggle with record fuel prices; PEI \$2 Island transit expands; and VIA Rail resumes thrice-weekly "Ocean" service.

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### Winnipeg Election 2022: Questions for the Mayoral Candidates

Winnipeg heads to the polls on October 26, 2022 to elect a new mayor. Transport Action Prairie Region has asked four questions of each mayoral candidate to determine where they stand on key public transportation issues.

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CN and CP testing battery electric and hydrogen locomotives  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/science/freight-rail-electric-locomotives-1.6440766>

Approved Regina transit master plan will see big changes to bus system  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/saskatchewan/approved-regina-transit-master-plan-big-changes-1.6441995>

Rally for better transit held in Scarborough  
<https://www.ttcriders.ca/7may2022>

First tracks laid on Hurontario “Hazel Line”  
<https://www.insauga.com/laying-the-tracks-for-major-mississauga-brampton-transit-line-is-no-simple-task/>

Airdrie replacing some off-peak transit routes with on-demand service  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/airdrie-bus-routes-on-demand-service-1.6446779>

VIA Rail releases 2021 Annual Report  
<https://www.travelweek.ca/news/via-rail-outlines-recovery-plan-in-2021-annual-report/>

Metrolinx director of rail operations Rob Fuller to retire  
<https://blog.metrolinx.com/2022/05/12/podcast-after-five-decades-in-rail-industry-rob-fuller-talks-shop-one-last-time/>

Soaring fuel prices increase transit ridership  
<https://kitchener.ctvnews.ca/boost-in-transit-ridership-as-fuel-prices-continue-to-soar-1.5903105>

The right to transportation should be a key issue in the Ontario election  
<https://building.ca/feature/the-right-to-transportation-should-be-a-key-issue-in-the-ontario-election/>

Mobility leaders seek to ‘unburden’ people from private cars  
<https://www.smartcitiesdive.com/news/shared-mobility-action-agenda-network/623849/>

Hamilton residents urge city to make affordable housing mandatory along LRT route  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/light-rail-affordable-housing-1.6454842>

PWT, union restart negotiations to end to Sea-to-Sky strike  
<https://globalnews.ca/news/8846915/pacific-western-transit-strike/>

Calgary commuters cuddle with furry friends at Puppy Bus event  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/calgary/calgary-transit-puppy-bus-stress-relief-1.6457614>

The Cat is back, re-establishing NS ferry link to Marie  
<https://atlantic.ctvnews.ca/cat-ferry-sets-sail-for-first-time-in-three-years-re-establishing-nova-scotia-s-link-to-the-u-s-1.5911814>

Local leaders meet VIA Rail CEO on future of Cornwall station  
<https://www.cornwallseawaynews.com/local/local-leaders-meet-via-rail-ceo-on-future-of-cornwall-station/>

Edmonton adds new patrols to LRT in bid to improve transit safety  
<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/edmonton/edmonton-transit-safety-1.6460336>

First BC Transit electric bus arriving in fall, more to follow in 2023  
<https://vancouverisland.ctvnews.ca/victoria-s-first-electric-transit-bus-to-hit-the-road-this-fall-1.5916348>

USA: California HSR applies for \$1.3Bn in federal funding  
[https://www.progressiverailroading.com/high\\_speed\\_rail/news/CHSRA-applies-for-13B-in-federal-grant-funds--66661](https://www.progressiverailroading.com/high_speed_rail/news/CHSRA-applies-for-13B-in-federal-grant-funds--66661)

Europe: Rail Baltica route into Poland chosen

<https://www.railtech.com/infrastructure/2022/05/13/stakeholders-decide-on-rail-baltica-route-to-lithuanian-polish-border/>

Europe: Paris-Berlin direct HSR and night trains expected by 2023

<https://www.euronews.com/travel/2022/05/25/high-speed-train-between-paris-and-berlin-could-start-operating-as-soon-as-2023>

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