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Canadian Transit Heritage Foundation – New Executive Team, 2016-2017

Christopher Prentice is CTHF President and Senior Associate with IBI Group, a global architecture, planning, engineering and technology firm. Chris has been general manager of several Canadian transit systems and is an experienced project manager, having consulted on a wide range of assignments across Canada, the U.S. and internationally. He specializes in public transit operations, assessments and re-structuring of transit systems, contract development and administration, contractor selection, governance and organizational reviews. Chris is a past President of the Ontario Urban Transit Association and currently chairs the Canadian Urban Transit Association's Awards Committee. Chris has a Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban Studies and Political Science from York University.

Gordon Nevison is the incoming CTHF Vice President, with over 47 years holding key administrative positions in both the public and private sectors. Gordon was instrumental in developing public transit networks in metropolitan areas around Toronto and established one of the first Transit Management Companies, the forerunner to Laidlaw Transit Services. He was Vice President at Orion Bus Industries, the Urban Transportation Development Corporation, National Refurbishing, Nova Bus and United Technologies, bringing a strong business acumen to the CTHF. Throughout his career, he has focused on marketing and business development with major OEMs and financial institutions, developing programs for the sales and distribution of transit equipment throughout North America. Gordon holds the equivalent of a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with specialization in Marketing.

Douglas Shields is a newly-elected Director of CTHF, serving as incoming Secretary & Treasurer. Doug is currently providing strategic planning and financial management support to small businesses and non-profit organizations. He has held senior financial positions with both public and privately owned Canadian corporations such as brewing, hotels, fast food restaurants, construction management, dairy and electrical products. His long standing interest in public transit is represented by volunteer roles as Treasurer of the Toronto Transportation Society and member of the Citizen Advisory Board of Oakville Transit. Doug has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from the University of Manitoba and is a Chartered Professional Accountant.

Edward (Ted) Wickson will be serving in the new role of CTHF Assistant Treasurer. Ted is a career archivist and historian, holding positions in the field of communications support and public relations at the Toronto Transit Commission. Ted later held archives positions with the Toronto Port Authority and National Anglican Church of Canada. In 1984 he contributed the chapter devoted to public transportation in Toronto's official Sesquicentennial book. Ted also researched and authored CUTA's centennial book, *A Century of Moving Canada: Public Transit 1904-2004* and *Reflections of Toronto Harbour: 200 Years of Port Activity and Waterfront Development*. He continues to provide editorial support and book editing for publishers of historical works on railways and transit systems in Canada. Ted holds a certificate of archival practices from George Brown College.

Michael Roschlau is the new Strategic Adviser to the CTHF Board. He recently retired as President & CEO of the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA), where membership grew from 356 to 510 members, revenue rose from \$1.5 million to \$4.1 million, and government investment in Canadian public transit increased from \$676 million to \$4.3 billion annually during his tenure. Many municipal councils and corporate boards passed resolutions endorsing CUTA's Transit Vision 2040 as their blueprint for transit development, and public transit rose to become a priority for the federal government as well as provinces and municipalities across Canada. Michael holds degrees from the University of Toronto, University of British Columbia and Australian National University.