



# Canadian Transportation Research Forum



## Le Groupe de Recherches sur les Transports au Canada

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## CTRF / GRTC

CTRF has a long and proud tradition of supporting objective research into Canadian transportation policy and practice. Our focus has traditionally been on cross-cutting issues at scales from local to global, delving into regulation, safety, operations, sustainability, and industry performance. Our members include noted scholars and practitioners in such disciplines as economics, engineering, geography, planning, business, commerce, law, and logistics. The Proceedings of our annual conference is a critical publication in the realm of Canadian transportation policy research. CTRF supports student interests in transportation through our Scholarships and Student Paper Awards.

The Canadian Transportation Research Forum has been operating since 1965. It is a non-profit association of more than 300 transportation professionals who work for;

- Railways, logistics providers, airlines, ports, airports, shipping lines, terminal operators, transit operators, and pipeline companies
- Shippers
- Transport Canada, the Canadian Transportation Agency, Statistics Canada, Industry Canada, and other federal agencies
- Departments and other agencies in the provinces and territories
- Consultants
- Universities and colleges

## MISSION & OBJECTIVES

To promote the development of research in transportation and related fields and provide a forum for networking and discussion by:

- a) publishing research papers, through the media of national and regional meetings and other methods determined by the Board of Directors
- b) providing opportunities to discuss transportation issues
- c) providing opportunities for keeping informed on transportation research development and opportunities
- d) providing an environment for professional networking
- e) encouraging student interest in transportation research



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## GOVERNANCE

CTRF affairs are administered by a 21 member board consisting of a cross-section of the membership and representing the various sectors and transportation modes and regions of the country. The Corporate Secretary of CTRF is the only paid position, on a part-time basis. All other board members serve voluntarily.

A list of current Board Members is available at [www.ctrf.ca](http://www.ctrf.ca)



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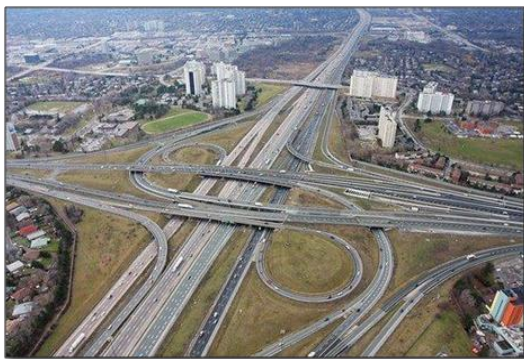
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## MEMBERSHIP & WEBSITE PRIVILEGES

CTRF's original membership of 120 has grown to more than 300. Membership is individual rather than corporate and is open to anyone interested in any aspect of transportation. One of our real strengths is the diversity of our membership which is roughly 1/3 industry, 1/3 government and 1/3 academia. We also are seeing increasing interest and involvement with professionals from other countries.

The annual CTRF membership fees are low compared to other professional associations and represent very good value for money. In addition to receiving the newsletter, reduced conference fees, and the inside track on our events and competitions, members have access to exclusive privileges in the "members only" section of our website. For example, electronic versions of past conference papers are provided in a searchable online database. A searchable membership directory and monthly Transportation Information Updates are available.



## SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In 1988, CTRF established a Scholarship Fund to encourage university students to pursue studies leading to careers in transportation. The fund is supported by donations and CTRF funds.

CTRF, in cooperation with several other organizations offers up to seven scholarships of \$4000 each for the academic year. Awards are tenable at any university with a transportation program, with preference given to Canadian institutions. Field of study may be in business administration, engineering, economics, geography, law, planning, or other transportation related fields. In keeping with the mission of CTRF, preference is given to policy and business oriented study.

Scholarships are sponsored by organizations including Transport Canada, Bombardier Inc., CN, Canadian Pacific Railway, and Transports Quebec, as well as other companies and individual CTRF members. A separate fund is designated for a scholarship named in memory of Jan Bowland, former VP Finance of CTRF.

Further details on the scholarship program are available at [www.ctrf.ca](http://www.ctrf.ca)

## ANNUAL CONFERENCE

- Springtime – May or early June
- Various locations across Canada, from St. John's to Victoria
- Sunday afternoon to Wednesday afternoon
- Events – President's Reception, Bison Transport Debate, Conference Plenary, Technical Tours, off-site dinner at a local attraction destination, and Awards Luncheon. All provide opportunities to network with transport professionals.
- Speakers at the Monday and Tuesday lunches are often the Federal Minister of Transport and the Provincial Minister of Transportation or sometimes the Provincial Premier or a University President
- Proceedings – copy of all papers at Registration. The papers presented are of high quality and represent research and experience from a wide range of industry, government and academic perspectives. CTRF publishes these papers in proceedings for its members and other interested parties including university libraries.
- Panels – capturing key debates of the day
- Conference Paper Awards – cash awards for the best conference papers
- English and French papers welcome, some conference sessions have simultaneous interpretation
- Contributions of corporate supporters help to keep delegate fees low
- Companions program

A list of locations and venues of past conferences is available at [www.ctrf.ca](http://www.ctrf.ca)

## Semi-Annual Conference

*CTRF often convenes a one-day semi-annual conference in the Fall, in a different region of the country from the annual conferences of that year and the next year. While the annual conference has a theme, papers and panels can range widely across the spectrum with several parallel sessions on various topics. The semi-annual is usually focused on one topical issue. CTRF has collaborated with other associations in the organization of joint Fall meetings. The University of Manitoba Transport Institute (UMTI), the Van Horne Institute, the Chartered Institute of Logistics and Transport (CILT), the Canadian Institute of Traffic and Transportation (CITT), and the Transportation Research Forum (TRF) are examples of such groups.*

Please visit [www.ctrf.ca](http://www.ctrf.ca) for the most recent conference program and reports on past conferences and semi-annual meetings.

