



October 23rd, 2019

Invitation to attend the first ever TRANSIT SUMMIT & TOWN HALL

To whom in concerns;

On behalf of the Transit Action Alliance of Guelph (TAAG), I am pleased to invite you and your organization to attend the first ever Transit Summit and Town Hall to be held on Saturday, November 9th, 2019.

Many prominent speakers will have information-packed presentations throughout the day as well as a presentation from City of Guelph staff about the Transportation Master Plan. We will conclude the day with an update from Guelph Transit on the recommendations from the Transit Business Service Review and host a Public Town Hall for questions and comments. Please see the attached poster, agenda and bios for more details.

This free event will be held at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, 161 Norfolk St. (at Suffolk) in Downtown Guelph on Saturday, November 9th, 2019 from 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. with doors opening at 11:30 a.m. The venue is wheelchair accessible and light snacks and refreshments will be available.

Attendees can come and go throughout the day, however, due to limited seats; we are asking that attendees please register on our website at www.taaguelph.com/transitsummit no later than November 8th.

We look forward to having you join us for a day all about public transit.

Sincerely,

Steven Petric
Chair
Transit Action Alliance of Guelph



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SPEAKER BIOS



Vincent Puhakka *TTCRiders*

Presentation: Successes and Failures in Transit Advocacy

Vincent Puhakka joined TTCriders in 2012, when the organization was in its infancy and has since been a tireless advocate for transit riders in Toronto. In addition to his grassroots activism, he has written for such publications as the Toronto Star, Torontoist and Spacing Magazine; as well as made appearances on Newstalk 1010 radio and CBC Metro Morning.

After spending much of his adult life in the post-war suburb of Scarborough, Vincent now makes his home in downtown Toronto; where he steadfastly maintains he is not a latte-sipping elite.

Website: <http://www.ttcriders.ca>



Terry Johnson *President of Transport Action Canada*

Presentation: Economic and Environment Benefits of Transit

Terry Johnson has been actively involved in campaigning for better bus and train services across Southwestern Ontario since 2011, has served on the board of Transport Action Ontario for two years, and was elected national president of Transport Action Canada in May 2019. He has a degree in Politics and Economics from the University of Oxford and moved to Canada in 2003 after meeting his wife Chandra Clarke.

Website: <http://www.transportaction.ca>



Sean Marshall *Co-founder Walk Toronto, Transit Blogger*

Presentation: Transport Gaps in Southwestern Ontario

Sean Marshall is a Toronto-based geographer and writer with an interest in public transportation, pedestrian safety, and local politics. He is co-founder of Walk Toronto and his writings on local and intercity transportation have appeared in The Guardian, Spacing, and TVO.org.

Website: <https://seanmarshall.ca>

Twitter: https://twitter.com/Sean_YYZ



Jennifer Juste *Manager, Transportation Planning City of Guelph*

Presentation: Moving Guelph Forward-the Future of Transportation

In her previous role as sustainable transportation program manager, Jennifer led the creation and development of the Sustainable Transportation program for the City of Guelph since 2006. This sustainable mobility program has achieved a tripling of daily trips by bike, supporting the expansion of carshare vehicles in the community, and establishing a stronger awareness and presence of safe and active travel to school programming in local elementary schools. Most recently as Manager of Transportation Planning, Jennifer is leading the update to the Transportation Master Plan which looks to the next 20 years of moving around our city more sustainably, safely and equitably. She has a Master of Urban Planning and a Bachelor of Science in Ecology.

Website: <http://www.guelph.ca/transportation>



Andrea Mikkila *Supervisor, Transit Planning and Scheduling – Public Services, Guelph Transit – City of Guelph*

An update on the status of the 12 recommendations from the service review related to: Fare pricing policy, Community Bus review, Operational route review, Guelph Transit Strategic Plan, Morning shuttle service to Guelph Central Station, CoFare contract, Operator recertification program, Staffing adjustments, Vehicle maintenance reporting methods, Electronic Fare Management System (EFMS), On-demand Mobility Service and Stabilization of workforce levels.

Website: <http://www.guelph.ca/transit>



TRANSIT SUMMIT & TOWN HALL Schedule

Times subject to change

11:30 - 12:00 p.m.	Doors Open and Registration
12:00 - 12:10 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions
12:10 - 12:50 p.m.	Functional Transit: 6 ways to make transit work better in Guelph
12:50 - 1:00 p.m.	Break 1 (10 Minutes)
1:00 - 1:30 p.m.	Vincent Puhakka – TTCRiders
1:30 - 2:00 p.m.	Sean Marshall – Writer and Transit Advocate
2:00 - 2:10 p.m.	Break 2 (10 minutes)
2:10 - 2:40 p.m.	Terry Johnson – Transport Action Canada
2:40 - 2:55 p.m.	Jennifer Juste – Transportation Master Plan
2:55 - 3:10 p.m.	Break 3 (15 minutes)
3:10 - 3:30 p.m.	Guelph Transit Update
3:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Town Hall (2 hours)
5:30 - 5:35 p.m.	Conclusion of the Transit Summit
5:35 - 6:00 p.m.	Enjoy a snack and casual conversation!

Location: St. Andrew's Church, 161 Norfolk St. at Suffolk in Downtown Guelph.

Nearest Bus Stops: 99 Mainline Northbound – Stop ID 6082
99 Mainline Southbound – Stop ID 5985

Come and Go
Wheelchair Accessible
Refreshments and Light Snacks



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