

# BUS HISTORY ASSOCIATION 2019 Convention Ottawa, ON and Gatineau, QC

February 16, 2019

To all BHA Members:

We are pleased to announce that the Bus History Association's 2019 Convention will be held in **Ottawa ON** from **Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019**. A full and interesting program is being arranged to allow everyone to renew acquaintances and discuss the transportation industry.

The Itinerary for the convention has not been finalized, but tentative details (subject to change) are shown below:

- **Wednesday, June 5** will have a pre-convention bus fan trip organized by Mario Seneviratne. The charter vehicle is hoped to be the preserved GMC New Look bus # 7901 (GMC T6H-5307N) from Société de transport de l'Outaouais (STO). If this bus is unavailable for mechanical issues, one of the ex-Calgary MCI Classic buses will be substituted. This fan trip will start at Terrasses de la Chaudière in Gatineau at 9:30 AM, concluding at approximately 2:30 PM. BHA members will be required to take OC Transpo to get to the start point. Please note that the cost of this event **is not included** in the BHA convention registration fee. More information (including transit options to get to the start point) will be e-mailed at a later date to members who indicate an interest in this event in the convention registration package.
- **Thursday, June 6** will be spent in the Ottawa and Gatineau area. Included will be visits to 417 Bus Lines (Casselman, ON), Transcollines, Société de transport de l'Outaouais (STO garage in Hull) and OC Transpo (Pinecrest garage). A stop at Place du Portage in Gatineau will also be included to observe some of the OC Transpo Rural Partner routes.
- **Friday, June 7** will be a very long day and will see the BHA travel to Cornwall, Brockville and Kingston. Clarence-Rockland Transpo (Leduc Bus Lines) will also be visited.
- **Saturday, June 8** will also be spent in the Ottawa and Gatineau area. Included will be visits to Société de transport de l'Outaouais (STO garage in Gatineau) and OC Transpo (Industrial garage). Another possibility will be a visit the Museum of Science and Technology. The museum has buses and streetcars in their collection, however, they will be in the process of moving to a new storage facility at that time. If we can arrange to view their collection, it will be included in the tour on this day. We are also hopeful of an OC Transpo light rail tour, pending the opening of their light rail line.

The host hotel is the **Hilton Garden Inn – Ottawa Airport** (2400 Alert Road). The hotel is located minutes from the Airport and provides a free shuttle service to and from the Ottawa Airport. Please note that breakfast **is not included** in the BHA room rate. However, the Garden Grille and Bar restaurant is located on site and opens daily at 6:00 AM.

Transit access to the hotel is also convenient. A bus stop for OC Transpo route 97-AIRPORT (Transitway route) is located a short walking distance from the hotel. OC Transpo routes 99 and 299 also service the hotel.

BHA members taking the VIA train or Greyhound bus to Ottawa have convenient transit choices to get to the hotel.

- From the Greyhound Bus Terminal on Catherine Street, walk a block east and a block north to Bank and Arlington. Take the route 6 OC Transpo bus southbound to the Billings Bridge Transitway station. Transfer to route 97 southbound destined to the Airport.
- From the VIA station, take OC Transpo route 62 westbound to Hurdman Station. Transfer to the route 97 southbound to the Airport.
- *General note regarding transit – The opening date of the OC Transpo Confederation light rail line has not been set. It may happen sometime in Spring 2019. Please check your transit travel options prior to arriving to determine if your itinerary is impacted by the light rail line.*

For BHA members travelling by car to Ottawa:

- From the south and west (via highway # 401), take highway # 416 north to exit # 57, Ottawa Regional Road # 8 (Bankfield Road). Take Regional Road # 8 to Prescott Highway (Regional Road # 73 North). Turn right on to West Hunt Club Road and right on Uplands Drive/Alert Road. The hotel will be on the right hand side.
- From the east, follow Trans-Canada Highway # 417 westbound to the exit for Hunt Club Road. Continue west on Hunt Club Road, left on Hawthorne Road, right on Davidson Road and left on Alert Road to the hotel.

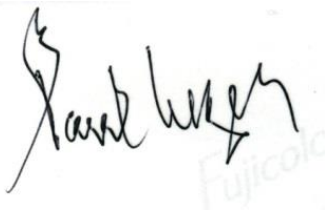
Continuing the practice started with the 2015 convention, a waiver form is included with this registration package. Your cooperation in signing the document is appreciated. In the event that attendees do not sign the waiver, the BHA will reserve the right to limit access to convention activities.

The BHA would like to stress to members to **register early** by filling out and mailing in the attached Annual Convention Registration Form. Only one charter coach (56 passenger) will be booked so the registration will be cut off once capacity has been reached. After that point, BHA members will be put on a waiting list and will be notified in the event of any cancellations.

The Annual Convention Registration Form, Waiver and Hotel Reservation Information have been included with this letter. An information package and detailed itinerary will be issued with your registration package upon arrival at the convention. Please note the following regarding the convention activities:

- The Wednesday pre-convention fan trip will start at **9:30 AM sharp** at Terrasses de la Chaudière in Gatineau.
- The Thursday and Friday tours will depart the hotel at **8:00 AM sharp**.
- The Saturday tour will depart the hotel at **8:30 AM sharp**.

We look forward to seeing you in June 2019 in the capital of Canada, last visited by the BHA in 2003. We hope you take advantage of this opportunity to see old friends and new sights, and hopefully, a new light rail line.



Paul Leger  
Chairman, Bus History Association, Inc.

# Hotel Reservation Information – Ottawa ON

*Please do not send this form to the hotel.*

A block of rooms for convention attendees has been reserved at:

## Hilton Garden Inn – Ottawa Airport

Ms. Christina Caravatta, Reservations Manager

2400 Alert Road, Ottawa, ON, K1V 1S1

Tel: 1-613-288-9001

Fax: 1-613-249-8729

[Christina.Caravatta@hilton.com](mailto:Christina.Caravatta@hilton.com)

The special **BHA convention rate is \$ 155.00 per night (plus applicable taxes of 4% hotel room tax, 5% GST and 8% Provincial Tax)** for a deluxe guest room. This will include up to two individuals in a room with two queen beds or king bed room with a pullout couch. There is a limited number of standard rooms (chair/ottoman, not a pullout couch) available for \$ 144.00 plus tax per night. An additional fee of \$ 10 per person, per night, plus taxes will apply for more than two people in a room. This room rate includes free parking and free high-speed internet access but does not include breakfast.

The room block has been set up for arrivals on Tuesday, June 4 and departures on Sunday, June 9. Because the number of rooms available in the block may be limited, **we recommend that you make your reservations as soon as possible to avoid missing out.**

Please reserve your room by either:

- Calling the hotel directly at (613) 288-9001. **It is essential that you quote the group name BHA (Bus History Association)** at the time of making your reservation to get the convention rate.
- To book online, please visit the BHA website at [www.bus-history.org](http://www.bus-history.org) where the PDF convention document contains a hyperlink to the Hilton Garden Inn – Ottawa Airport website.
- Hyper-link: [BHA Ottawa Online Hotel Booking](#)

Note that the online BHA booking site only allows the convention dates from June 4<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> inclusive. To book outside of these dates, you can either call the hotel directly or book via the main Hilton Garden Inn website: <https://hiltongardeninn3.hilton.com/en/index.html> . It is at the discretion of the hotel to allow the BHA rate on these dates, depending on room availability.

Please note that all reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. At check in, a major credit card, including where payment is made by cash and a photo ID will be required. Reservations can be cancelled up until 6:00 PM on the scheduled day of arrival. Any reservations cancelled after 6:00 PM on the scheduled day of arrival will result in a charge equal to one night's room rate, plus tax.

**The room block is available until 11:59 PM on Friday, May 3, 2019. At that time, any unreserved rooms in the block will be released for resale by the hotel.**

# ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State / Province \_\_\_\_\_ Zip / Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

To better help us plan, please indicate which nights you intend to stay at the hotel and the days you plan to join in on the BHA activities.

**Ottawa Hotel – Nights of:**

Mon. June 3 \_\_\_\_\_ Tue. June 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Wed. June 5 \_\_\_\_\_ Thu. June 6 \_\_\_\_\_

Fri. June 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Sat. June 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Sun. June 9 \_\_\_\_\_ Additional Nights \_\_\_\_\_

No. of people in Room \_\_\_\_\_ Rooming With \_\_\_\_\_

Or - I will have other accommodation elsewhere (please list location) \_\_\_\_\_

**BHA Convention Events:** Please check below for all days that you will be attending.

Thurs., June 6 \_\_\_\_\_ Fri., June 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Sat., June 8 \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose the **appropriate convention registration fee**, summarized below by day and by member/non-member. Registration fees are listed in Canadian and U.S. \$.

Please circle all squares that apply	Registration Fee (All Three Days)		Registration Fee (Individual Days)					
			Thursday		Friday		Saturday	
	Cdn \$	U.S. \$	Cdn \$	U.S. \$	Cdn \$	U.S. \$	Cdn \$	U.S. \$
BHA Members	130	100	40	30	60	45	40	30
BHA Non-Members	160	125	50	40	70	53	50	40

**\*\*\* Non-members may pay the lower fee by becoming a BHA Member at the rate of \$35.00 US or \$45.00 CDN \*\*\***

*The Friday day registration fee is higher as it will be a long day, covering Kingston, Brockville and Cornwall.*

**Please turn over to page 2 to complete the registration. Don't forget to also sign the waiver ...**

# ANNUAL CONVENTION REGISTRATION FORM (Page 2)

Are you interested in a pre-convention fan trip on Wednesday, June 5? The fan trip will start and finish at Terrasses de la Chaudière in Gatineau at 9:30 AM. More details will be e-mailed to interested members at a later date.

YES \_\_\_\_\_ NO \_\_\_\_\_

**Please note that the registration fee does not include the pre-convention event on Wednesday.**

**The fan trip will be an additional cost, estimated at around \$ 40 Canadian per person. This additional cost will be collected on the day of the event.**

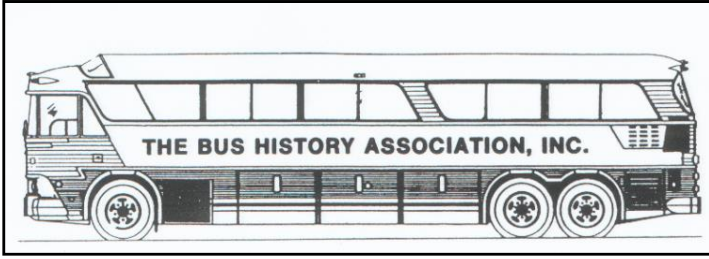
**Please make your registration cheque or money order payable to “The Bus History Association Inc.” and remit with this form to:**

Mr. Bernie Drouillard  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Bus History Association  
965 McEwan  
Windsor, Ontario, CANADA, N9B 2G1  
(519) 977-0664                      [bdrouillard3@cogeco.ca](mailto:bdrouillard3@cogeco.ca)

**Signed** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date** \_\_\_\_\_

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Thank you and we will see you in Ottawa and Gatineau.



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## **Event Waiver, Consent and Conditions of Use**

**Event: 2019 Annual Convention**

**Dates: Wednesday, June 5 to Saturday, June 8, 2019**

The participant in this Event, and in the case of a participant who is a minor, the parents or guardian of such participant, and the successors or assigns of any participant, agrees that he or she shall not have any claim for liability or damages against the Bus History Association, its Officers, or the organizers of this Event, as a result of any incident that occurs during the Event and that results in loss of or damage to personal property, personal injury or death of the participant, however caused.

By his or her signature below, the participant, or a parent or guardian of a participant, acknowledges that he or she has read and understands the terms of this Event Waiver, Consent and Conditions of Use.

The organizers of this Event reserve the right to revoke their permission for the participant take part in this Event for conduct unbecoming a BHA member or for non-compliance with the rules and operational procedures established by the organizers for this Event.

The Association, the organizers and the participating transit properties may substitute vehicles for those that are advertised to be used for the Event. While every effort will be made to complete the Event at the advertised scheduled time, the Society and the organizers assume no responsibility in the event this does not occur.

The Bus History Association requires that members under 16 years of age must be accompanied by a parent or guardian at all events. In the case of participant who is a minor, the parent or guardian further acknowledges that: (1) he or she has provided permission to the participant to take part in the event and (2) that he or she has read and understands the terms of this Event Waiver, Consent and Conditions of Use.

I have read and understand the contents of this Event Waiver, Consent and Conditions of Use.

Signed by:

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Event Participant           **(please print name)**  
Or Parent or Guardian of Minor Participant

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Event Participant           **(please sign name)**  
Or Parent or Guardian of Minor Participant

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Date (of signing)