

And for the past 150 years, give or take a few, these requirements have been met by Canada's own transportation industry.

An industry that has grown from horse-drawn buses to a multi-faceted, multi-billion dollar force in the international world of mass transit.

An industry that continues to amaze and impress North American and foreign transit decisionmakers by its sheer diversity. Its professionalism. And the fact that it works.

An industry with a proven track record. Not only on its home ground with all its challenges. But also, ever increasingly, with its closest trading neighbour, the United States. It is an industry that has introduced major innovations, having worked particularly closely with the cities of Toronto, Montreal and Vancouver in literally custom designing and building efficient transit systems; systems respected world wide. It is no accident that these systems work. For they were not built merely to spec. But rather from exploration of concepts to design to building. A partnership in its truest sense.

And having proven themselves at home, with all its demands, Canada's own mass transportation manufacturers are more than well equipped to meet the challenge of urban transportation virtually anywhere in the world.

