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Saint John Transit Unveils Quispamsis' Articulated Bus

SAINT JOHN – Chris Titus, Chairman of the Saint John Transit Commission, welcomed MP Rob Moore, MP Rodney Weston, the honourable Mary Schryer, MLA Roly MacIntyre and Quispamsis Mayor Murray Driscoll to the Quispamsis Park & Ride Lot today, as the commission unveiled its newest articulated bus.

Since unveiling the first articulated bus in Hampton in late 2009, there has been a marked increase in ridership. It is anticipated that the unveiling of this new bus in the Quispamsis area will yield similar results. The articulated – or accordion-style – bus can seat up to 61 passengers, nearly 50 per cent more seating capacity than a regular transit bus.

Funding for the bus, in the amount of \$625,000, was provided by *the Federal Public Transit Capital Trust* and is administered by the New Brunswick Department of Transportation.

“We are very pleased that the Province has seen the benefit of having Federal Public Transit Capital Trust funds further support Comex with the introduction of this high-capacity bus,” said Chris Titus.

This bus is the second articulated bus to join the Saint John Transit fleet and is the next step in the development of transit options for those commuting from surrounding areas into Saint John each day. Quispamsis Mayor Murray Driscoll is encouraged to see growth in the transit options for those in his constituency.

“After many tries and failures in the past, we now have a system that has shown the need and has found a solution to morning and evening transportation for Quispamsis residents,” said Mayor Driscoll. “With the new articulated bus, fewer passengers now have to stand during peak periods. We are looking to expand the service with the anticipated fall opening of the Qplex.”

About Saint John Transit

The Saint John Transit Commission was created in 1979 to operate scheduled transit service within the City of Saint John. Saint John Transit is the largest public transit system in New Brunswick in terms of both mileage and passengers. Scheduled weekday passenger service is provided on more than 20 separate routes and covers about 350 kilometres of city streets. Ridership on the service is about 2.7 million passengers per year and growing.

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