

Welcome to the August edition of the TTC Connects newsletter!

We have exciting program updates to share!

We've launched a brand new recording of our Transit Operator Information Session. The session is designed to help you learn about the role of Transit Operators at the TTC & the benefits of joining our team. [CLICK HERE](#) to check it out!

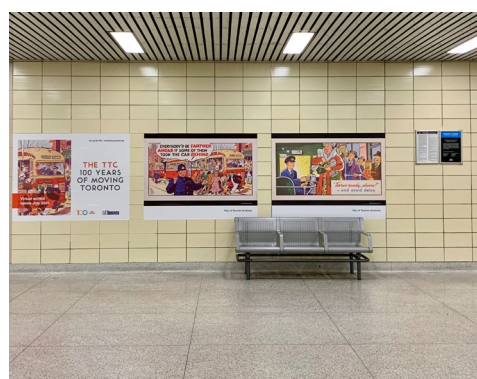
Applications are still open for the Transit Operator role!

Apply Now! [CLICK HERE](#).

Need help creating your account and setting up your candidate profile? Check out this [step-by-step guide](#).

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TTC's 100th Anniversary – Archives Exhibit



To help commemorate the TTC's 100th anniversary, the TTC collaborated with Toronto Archives on a special photo exhibit now appearing in 12 subway stations.

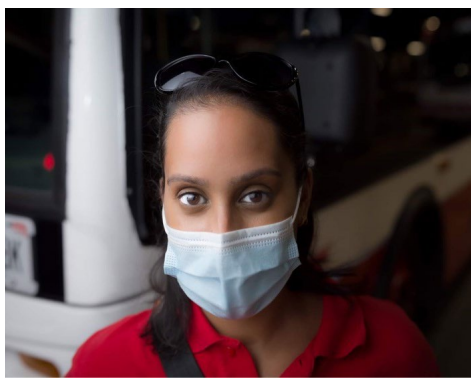
The exhibit is called *The TTC: 100 Years of Moving Toronto*. It's a collection of newly digitized photographs highlighting the TTC's journey over the past century. A virtual exhibit is also posted on the Archives website.

The photo collections are featured at the following stations until 2022: Bay, Don Mills, Dupont, Finch, Kennedy, Kipling, Main Street, Spadina, St Clair West, Queen, Union and Vaughan Metropolitan Centre.

On September 1, 2021, the TTC officially marks 100 years in service. The TTC plans on celebrating this milestone with a number of events throughout the year. To kick things off in September, we'll be launching a special website that includes images and highlights from the past century and will also provide information about upcoming activities. Visit [this page](#) regularly to see more ways the TTC will be celebrating over the coming months.

Operator Spotlight

Tia Anandjit-Truong
Bus Operator



Describe a perk or benefit about working in transportation that most people are not aware of?

One of my favourite things about working at the TTC is our unique schedules. Most of my friends and family work Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. but I get to choose my schedule to fit my lifestyle. At first it was an adjustment but once I figured out how to make it work for me (and acquired some seniority) it's been amazing. As I've become more senior I've started selecting early shifts, such as 5 a.m. to 2 p.m., so I'm done work early and can enjoy the afternoon. I also choose to have 2 weekdays off, I'm able to socialize on weekends because I finish work early but I can get my errands done on my days off when things like grocery stores are less busy.

Tell us about your most memorable day on the job, what happened?

Every day is a new adventure and that's one of the things I love most about my job. One instance that sticks out was a conversation I had with a passenger early in my career. He came up to me at the end of a trip and said "you did a good job."

TTC Connects: Trades and apprentices – information session

The TTC's is holding a Trades and apprentices – information session to promote available positions, share inspiring personal stories from people who are in these roles and answer questions about what it's like to work at the TTC.

Event details

Date: September 28, 2021

Time: 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Registration information will be posted on ttc.ca on September 10, 2021. Please share this information with anyone you think would be interested in participating in this session.

COMING SOON!

Do you know anyone that may be interested in Seasonal Maintenance job opportunities?

The Seasonal Maintenance Recruitment Program, provides temporary entry-level positions in our Maintenance areas. The types of positions that may be available are:

Janitor, Heavy Duty Cleaner, General Construction Labourer, HVAC Assistant and Landscaper.

The job postings will be available on our TTC Career website this coming fall and the positions are anticipated to commence in early 2022.

Stay tuned for more information!

I was unsure what he meant. He told me that in his country women are not typically allowed to drive but he is excited to see so many women doing all kinds of things in Toronto. His last comment really made me emotional, he said "this is why I brought my family to Canada, if my daughters grow to be like you it will be worth it". As the daughter of immigrants, this made me emotional and has the conversation has stuck with me nearly a decade later.

What's the biggest adjustment in becoming an operator?

Shift work can be difficult and even more so because the shifts at the TTC come in all shapes and sizes. I don't think many people realize how physically involved this job is and it can take a toll on your body quite quickly. From the lack of sleep associated with our schedules, to turning the large wheel of the bus and sitting for extended periods of time, it's extremely important to prioritize both your mental and physical health.

How did you adjust work life balance when you first started?

When I first started this job I was young and carefree so the adjustment wasn't very difficult.

I had a hard time coordinating my social life because I mostly worked evening/afternoon shifts with 2 weekdays off. As my seniority got better so did the shifts which made it easier to accommodate social events and to match the schedule of my now husband who I met at work. For the past eight years we've tried to pick similar shifts and now select work that allows us to be home early to spend the afternoons with our one-year-old daughter.

What advice or helpful information can you provide about the training program?

The training program for new Operators can be intense, it's full of information and can be overwhelming. I found it to be very important to treat it like school, take notes, study and review the information daily. If possible, it's also very helpful to form study groups with others in your training class, especially at testing time. These groups are also helpful once training is done and you begin driving new routes on your own.



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