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New Director for Canada's Largest Transit Union

Robin West takes over the leadership of the ATU in Canada from retiring Director Ken Foster

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TORONTO--(CCNMatthews - Sept. 11, 2006) - The Amalgamated Transit Union, the largest transit union in Canada, takes pleasure in announcing that Robin West is the new Director of the ATU's Canadian Council. Elected at the council's annual conference in June, 2006, Robin officially replaced retiring director, Ken Foster, on the 8th of September, 2006.

Ken Foster has retired from the ATU after 23 years of service as the Canadian Council Director. Ken's long and distinguished career as Director brought him the respect and admiration of people within the ATU, the transit and inter-city bus industries and organized labour.

The council will, however, be in good hands as Robin brings a wealth of experience to this position, serving as an ATU officer for the last 21 years. His experience includes being Financial Secretary Treasurer, Vice-President and President and Business Agent of ATU Local 508, Halifax, Secretary Treasurer of the ATU Eastern Canadian Joint Council, Executive Vice Chair of the Canadian Council and General Vice President of the Nova Scotia Federation of Labour. Robin currently sits on the Board of Directors of the Motor Carrier Passenger Council of Canada and was a member of the Sackville Transit Advisory Committee. Robin is also a member of the Canadian Pensions & Benefits Institute, a Commissioner of Oaths and was a bus operator for Metro Transit in Halifax for the last 27 years.

Robin is looking forward to the challenges ahead and welcomes the opportunity to work with members of the union, the transit, school bus and inter-city bus industries and those in the labour movement to ensure a better quality of life for Canadian workers. He also extends an invitation to members of the media to contact him regarding his new position and any questions they may have concerning transit, school bus, inter-city bus and labour issues.

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