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77th Annual Dinner
Friday, December 2, 2011, 7 pm sharp at the Canadian Room, Fairmont Royal York Hotel, Toronto. Watch for flyer and ticket order forms in the mail in October!

Valentine’s Dinner Dance
The Toronto Railway Club’s popular dinner, dance and fun casino event was a sell-out again this year with approximately 200 members and guests on hand at the Fairmont Royal York’s Imperial Room Saturday, February 12, 2011. The Club would like to express its gratitude to the numerous corporate sponsors listed on page 2 whose support and generosity continues to make this event a big success. Besides the fun casino, we were entertained by the instructors from Big Bird’s Dance Studio in Mississauga.
Club President Remi Landry was on hand to present a fabulous array of door prizes to attendees. Following are some pictorial highlights! More photos on pages 2 and 3.

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ANNUAL MEETING
At the Toronto Railway Club annual general meeting Monday, January 31, the following new slate of officers were elected for 2011.

President: Remi Landry, Chief Rail Operations - GO Transit
Past President: Greg Percy, Vice-President, Operations, GO Transit
First Vice-President: Bernie Maskerine, Senior Director Business Development - Trans - SNC - Lavalin O&M
Secretary-Treasurer: Dennis J. Ryan, Managing Director, Supply Management, National Steel Car Ltd. (retired)

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Dan Jagos, Senior Project Engineering Co-ordinator, AECOM
Orest Kobylyansky, General Superintendent, Toronto Transit Commission
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Annual Dinner Entertainment - Randy Pocznick
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GO TRANSIT ADDS 50 RAIL COACHES
GO Transit is expanding its fleet with a $125 million purchase of new passenger rail coaches to be built at Bombardier’s plant in Thunder Bay. The new bi-level coaches are to be in service starting late in 2011, will bring GO Transit’s total number of bi-level coaches to 865. Production is scheduled to continue in June. GO Transit has been the operating division of Metrolinx, the Ontario government transit agency which provides commuter rail and bus services in the GTA.

MCORLINX ACQUIRES CN COMMUTER RAIL SEGMENT
Metrolinx, Ontario’s regional transportation agency, has purchased a section of CN’s Kingston Subdivision rail line east of Toronto Union Station for $299 million. The line is composed of the two and three-track rail corridor east of Union Station in downtown Toronto to a junction near Whites Road in Pickering, Ont., where the line connects with GO Transit’s separate right-of-way. Metrolinx’s President and CEO Bruce McCuaig said, “Owning this rail corridor secures better positions for GO to improve service, better control operations and plan future service growth.”

CN First Quarter Highlights
CN said revenues in the first quarter of 2011 increased by six per cent to $2,084 million and carloadings were up three per cent. CN’s operating income increased seven per cent to $645 million and net income of $668 million was up 31 per cent over the first quarter last year. First quarter 2011 results included an after-tax gain of $254 million from a rail line sale to Metrolinx, a Toronto area transit agency. Claude Mongeau, President and CEO said, “Despite a very challenging winter, CN produced a solid first quarter performance thanks to further gradual improvements in the North American and global economies and a well-executed winter operating plan. Looking forward, CN anticipates a strong demand from our key business segments for the balance of the year.”

OBITUARY: Don Cuming
Don Cuming, long-time member of the Canadian Railway Club and Treasurer for the past 17 years, Don Cuming, passed away April 23, due to complications from open-heart surgery.
A New Brunswick native, Don joined CP Rail in Saint John in 1957 and later worked in CP’s purchasing department in Montreal. He was Manager of Administration in the Purchasing Department when he retired from CP in 1997. Don will be remembered by his many friends in the Canadian and Toronto Railway Clubs.

ED HARRIS RETIRES
Fred Green, President and CEO, Canadian Pacific, announced March 2 that Ed Harris was retiring April 1, and would be succeeded by Mike Franckaz as Executive Vice-President, Operations. Harris joined CP in 2010 and leveraged more than 30 years of railroad operating experience to lead CP’s operations team through various enhancements and to develop a successor. Harris will continue to act as an advisor to Franckaz throughout 2011.

CP announces first quarter results
Canadian Pacific Railway said total revenues of $1.2 billion in the first quarter of 2011 were essentially flat. Operating expenses were $1.1 billion, an increase of $94 million. Operating income was $109.2 million, down $37.4 million from the first quarter of 2010. Net income was $33.7 million, down $67.3 million from a year earlier. The company said average fuel price was $3.12 U.S. per gallon, an increase of 28 per cent. Fred Green, President and CEO said, “The first quarter was an extremely difficult winter with delayed and cancelled outages significantly constraining our capacity and our service to customers. Demand is strong and we have additional resources coming online to meet our customer’s growth.”

Canadian Pacific press release April 21, 2011

CN press release March 30, 2011

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Karen began by saying the electric question had been studied on several occasions in the past with no business case or environmental case found at the time. The benefits didn’t outweigh the need to expand and maintain the system. What’s different now, she said, is that a multi-disciplinary Community Advisory Committee was established in 2009 and a comprehensive Terms of Reference was developed.

In January 2010 a one year, intensive $4 million study was initiated. The study was based on MP40 locomotives and ten bi-level coaches with 489 train trips per day (a 250% increase over today plus 140 air rail shuttle trips per day). The findings determined that electric locomotives are the most cost effective compared to the diesel option and that electrifying the entire GO network was estimated at $4.2 billion.

Due to faster acceleration and deceleration with electric locomotives, average time saving per passenger trip was between 2.4 and 2.8 minutes. The electrification study concluded that there were transportation benefits related to reliability and speed, marginal health benefits plus small economic, environmental, social and community benefits. The study recommended proceeding with the electrification of the Lakeshore andGeorgetown corridors initial. The two major challenges identified were: building infrastructure in an operating rail corridor and the potential negative visual impacts of building overhead catenaries, substations and autotransformers.

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