

Capital City Motorists Ranked Best In Country

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A survey released in Ottawa by the Federal Department of Transport says that Frederictonians are the best drivers in Canada.

The survey was compiled from data collected by departmental spies located in every major city in Canada. Fredericton's previous

rank was sixth.

Fredericton drivers outperformed drivers in other cities in many categories, including an excellent score in proper signalling techniques.

"This result is very promising. I've been told for years that Fredericton drivers are very bad, when in fact the opposite is true," said Mayor Broad Woodshed.

He said City Council has plans for

a 'Driver Appreciation Day,' complete with free car washes and no traffic enforcement.

"Drivers will be able to 'forget' to signal when turning. Also, blindly changing lanes will be allowed," said the Mayor.

Fredericton drivers did very well in yielding the right-of-way, according to the survey. One of three drivers yielded properly at four-way in-

tersections.

Another category in which city drivers outperformed other cities was driving with their headlights on. Fredericton drivers in general had their headlights on at least two hours after sundown, outdone only by drivers in Yellowknife, Northwest Territories, where sundown rarely occurs.

Since the release of the survey,

Fredericton City Hall has been swamped with calls from interested traffic controllers from as far away as Vancouver, who are curious to know the secrets passed on by generations of Frederictonians.

Woodshed is overjoyed. He said he himself learned from his father when he was sixteen, in an old Chevy truck His father had learned from his grandfather before that in

an old Ford Truck.

"This ranking will definitely put Fredericton on the map. We've been driving here for a long, long time. We know we're good, now we have something to brag about."

Editor's Note: The previous article is obviously a heaping load of bullshit. Fredericton drivers really suck. Please learn how to drive before you kill someone.



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Forecast

It's spring. Should be pretty mild. Expect a dog shit smell in the air.

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Fredericton To Get \$10B Subway

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Fredericton mayor Broad Woodshed has revealed plans for the construction of a 10-billion dollar high-speed subway in Fredericton.

To be called the 'Fredericton Express,' the subway system will span from the airport to Tim Horton's on the Woodstock Road, with expansion routes to come at a later date. Construction should be completed sometime in 1996.

"It's the next step in reinforcing Fredericton's position as a world leader in public transportation," said Mayor Woodshed at a Fredericton Transit press conference.

The main subway line will run in a circular pattern around the city, with stops at all the malls, two at the university, and two downtown. An additional train will be built to travel linearly from the airport, along the river, to one of the downtown stops, likely at King's Place.

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Mayor Broad Woodshed

Mayor Woodshed expects construction to begin immediately, providing employment for approximately 200 labourers, or out-of-work miners from Minto, to dig the 60-metre-diameter tunnels.

Fredericton Transit's 50 busdrivers will be the first offered positions driving the subway cars when the line opens.

"Now we can sleep at the wheel while we drive. After all, we don't have to steer these newfangled subway cars," said Dermott McNutt, a veteran busdriver.

Meanwhile, the city's taxi drivers are not taking the news lightly. They feel that they may lose their jobs if the use of taxis decreases.

"What we'll try to do is keep the fares down, probably at a level in direct competition with the subway," said Ron Grunt, president of the Fredericton Taxi Driving Collective.

Other drivers, who wished to remain anonymous, are considering gaining short-term employment with the city in constructing the new subway.

"Hell, at least I'll be doing something to make me busy enough to stop smoking all the time. Besides, getting people from point A to point B efficiently is what I do best," one driver said.

Money for the construction will come from both the city and provincial governments, as both have many employees who can use the system.

It is rumoured that Premier Frank McSpella himself is pushing hard for the completion of this project, as his private home is located along one of the proposed routes. The Office of the Premier refused to return any calls.

Fares for the first two years of the subway's operation have been set at one dollar a ride, or \$35 for a monthly 'Express' pass, which would be a photo-ID card.

The construction contract has been awarded to Woodrot & Weakement of Fredericton, who submitted the lowest bid to City Hall. If recalled, that is the same company who designed and constructed the elegant Lowfood building on Queen Street, which has been called a "Temple to the Architectural Gods."

A spokesperson for the construction firm, Randy Bockmon, said the company is ready to begin construction any day now.

"We are very honoured to have been awarded such a large contract on such little proof of the quality of our work. We will try our best to build the fine citizens of Fredericton a really nice subway."

The mayor is confident in his choice of contractors.

"I buy my groceries at Lowfood. I like the building personally," he said.

The Gleaner will keep all of our readers updated on the construction progress so you don't have to get off your couch and go out and see for yourself. Besides, if you go out of your house your liable to get into your automobile and drive. Now that would be a big mistake which we at The Gleaner do not want to be responsible for.



HOT DIGGITY DOG! - This bulldozer clears a spot for the main terminal of the new Fredericton Express Subway. Construction on the \$10 billion project is expected to be complete by 1996. The main line will circle the city, and an additional line to the airport will be built at a later date. Fredericton Mayor Broad Woodshed said he likes riding in subways because he thinks they're "nice", and he likes the speed and time saved going from City Hall to Sweatwaters.

(Rob Blinkhard Photo)

Fare Wars Turn Violent:

Cabbies Have Military Weapons

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Those holes in your taxi aren't necessarily rust anymore. The Fredericton Taxi Driving Collective has taken matters into its own hands—tired of waiting for City Council to act, the drivers have taken to arming their vehicles with surplus military weaponry.

Renaming themselves AUTO (Armed Urban Taxi-drivers Organization), these militant drivers have begun to systematically hunt down and terminate anyone attempting to breach the Fare Agreement of last month.

"We said we would be self-policing—we weren't kidding. Step out of line, and your ass is grass," said Rambo Slant, president of AUTO.

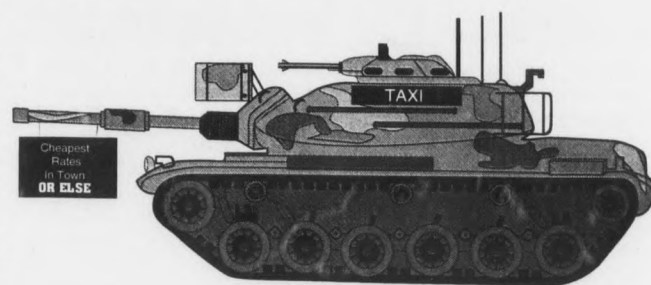
Skirmishes over fares have already broken out in front of the SUB and the Malls, where students traditionally call several taxis and leave with the first to arrive. Tensions have flared over this, with

shooting took place yesterday. A CheckYerSix vehicle armed with a recoilless rifle went after a TryUs vehicle, which returned fire with twin .50 calibre machine guns. Neither vehicle was damaged, but collateral damage to the SUB has put Kim NoRisk's office permanently out of commission. No agreement on compensation has been reached out, but both sides have apologized for the incident.

Freddy Beach Police, outgunned

and feeling slightly inferior and pointless because of all this, have requisitioned a dozen M-1A2 Abrams tanks; resistance to their request is anticipated, because CFB Gagetown doesn't want them to have better stuff than they have.

City Council, which was looking for a Bylaw Enforcement Officer, is now looking into a Bylaw Enforcement Battalion, subject to budgetary approval.



EAT THIS! A diagram of one of the current taxis, standard issue for all TryUs drivers.

Longer Sentences For Disco-Fanatics

By DAVID MEAGRE
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The Provincial Department of Justice has announced plans to increase the length of jail sentences for disco lovers.

The minimum sentence will now be equal to the number of years that disco has been officially dead when the listening of disco music occurs.

The province has set that date at 1977, after the release of the *Saturday Night Fever* soundtrack, which featured the sounds of the now defunct Bee-Gees.

Their hit, *Stayin' Alive*, hit number one on both the dance and the pop charts, setting free a continent of promiscuous, unsafe-sex practising 20-somethings.

"The new law is too harsh," said PMT-Guy, a three-time offender currently serving a five-year sentence for spinning an old *Blondie* LP at his company's recent staff party. "The concrete walls in jail don't resonate with the pulsating rhythms of disco that well."



PMT-Guy

PMT-Guy and a small group of offenders will officially protest this move by forming a prisoner's band in the style of *The Village People*, and take the show on the road.

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