



## Smart Driver Program

North Bay Transit is proud to announce that all drivers have graduated the Smart Driver program! A proven training program that helps reduce fuel consumption, reduce maintenance costs, and reduce stress levels on operators.

The Smart Driver program takes defensive driving techniques and raises the bar once again. In addition to maintaining knowledge and skills of drivers who are acutely aware of their surroundings, Smart Driver focuses on 'how' to operate a vehicle efficiently.

### **The Smart Driver program is more than defensive driving as it...**

- Uses an Electronic Control Module on the bus to collect data and to show the improvement from a pre-course drive to a post-course drive.
- Addresses the technical aspects of driving such as how and when to use retarders.
- Examines the entire organization and how all departments contribute to fuel efficiency.

What are some of the benefits?

- Reduced fuel consumption per trip compared to the average operator.
- Smoother ride for passengers.
- Fewer emissions from exhaust, reducing the effect air quality.
- Reduced wear and tear on brakes and tires, extending their life span and reducing replacement costs.
- A less stressful day for operators.

For more information on the Smart Driver program, please visit the [Canadian Urban Transit Association\(CUTA\) website](#).