



MOTOR BUS SOCIETY

SPRING 2024 CONVENTION

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

Thursday, April 18th to Sunday, April 21st

Date and Location: The Spring 2024 Motor Bus Society Convention will be held from Thursday, April 18th to Sunday, April 21st in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Host Hotel: The host hotel for the convention will be the Delta Hotels Toronto Airport & Conference Centre, 655 Dixon Road in Toronto. The hotel is close to the Toronto Pearson International Airport (served by GO Transit and TTC). The hotel has free high-speed Wi-Fi internet access and a business center.

Hotel Information: The special MBS room rate is **\$199** (Canadian \$, plus taxes, currently 19%) per room per night with either one or two Deluxe Queen beds. A block of rooms has been put aside for MBS members from Wednesday, April 17th to Sunday, April 21st. The hotel does offer a free shuttle service to/from Toronto Pearson International Airport.

The hotel offers the Orchid Café for breakfast dining and Lot41 Social Bar & Table for lunch and dinner dining. There is also a Starbucks franchise in the hotel. Many other restaurants are within a short walk. Parking is \$25 (plus taxes) per day.

Please note that **hotel reservations must be made by Wednesday, March 27th, 2024.** The hotel room space and rate cannot be guaranteed after that date. All hotel reservations must be made by either calling the hotel directly or by visiting the Delta Hotels Toronto Airport website. The phone number for the hotel is (416) 244-1711. Remember to mention the group name "Motor Bus Society" when booking by telephone. The attached "Hotel Reservation Information" form (page 3) has the link for online reservations.

Motor Bus Society is currently in the planning stages for its Spring convention. As these are not normal times, the locations shown (on page #2) are a menu of several bus company yards and public bus

terminals/pulse points. There cannot be guarantees that we will be admitted to all the garages and maintenance facilities due to either health and security protocols or shortages of personnel to handle our visits. Some of the facility tours may require a safety vest. If you have one available, please bring it.

Registration: The MBS convention registration fee is \$70 per person per day or \$250 for all four days for **MBS members**. For **non-MBS members**, the registration fee is \$85 per day or \$300 for all four days. To assure that space will be available for the garage and facility tours, advance registration is strongly recommended. In case of any shortage of seat space on the tour buses, persons with reservations will be given priority. ***Please note that paying by PayPal is not available at the present time.*** Please refer to the convention registration page (#4) for more details. The deadline for MBS convention registration is Sunday, March 31st.

Transportation Information:

For automobiles, the hotel is located on Dixon Road off Highway 27, just north of Highway 401. Highway 427 North also exits to Dixon Road with a short easterly drive to get to the hotel.

From Union Station and the Union Station Intercity Bus Terminal (downtown Toronto), Metrolinx UP Express provides a quick ride to Terminal 1 at the airport. Other options from downtown include:

- Ride TTC subway Line 1 to Lawrence West Station and transfer to the westbound 52-Lawrence bus to reach the hotel.
- Ride TTC subway Line 1 to St. George Station, transfer to subway Line 2 westbound to Kipling Station. At Kipling, board TTC route 900 for the express ride to the airport and transfer to the eastbound 52 bus to reach the hotel.



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Toronto Pearson International Airport is well serviced by transit. The Delta Hotels Toronto Airport can be accessed from Pearson via TTC route 52-Lawrence West. The express route 952-Lawrence stops within a short walk at Skyway Avenue.

GO Transit route 40 services the Airport from east or west of Toronto. Intercity bus carriers FLiXBUS, Megabus and OnEx service the airport as well.

Convention Activities: Registration and sign-in will take place in the Delta Hotels Toronto Airport lobby starting at 7:30 AM on all three days, with buses departing **promptly at 8:00 AM** each day.

Garage and Facility Tours: The itinerary has not been finalized and is highly dependent on whether properties are receptive to having visitors. Possible site visits are shown below. The final lists of stops will be posted on the MBS website and MBS Facebook pages 1 week prior to the convention.

Thursday, April 18th – Western Greater Toronto Area (GTA) and Southwest Ontario

- Milton Transit

- Guelph Transit
- Grand River Transit including ION light rail.
- Brantford Transit

Friday, April 19th – Western GTA and Niagara

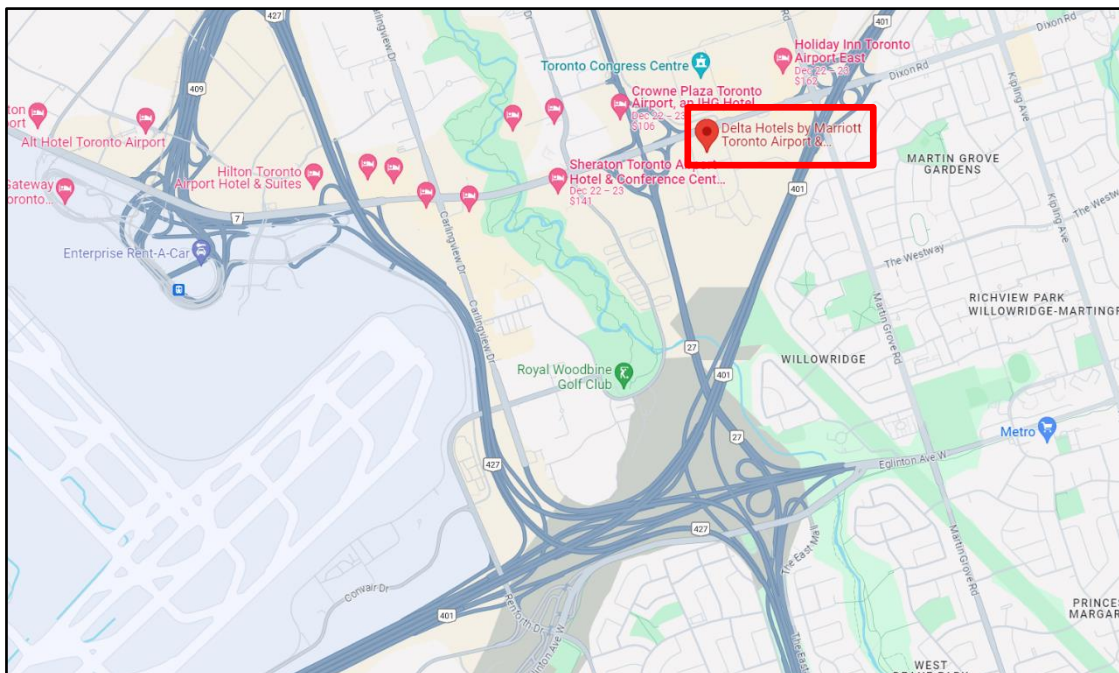
- Oakville Transit
- Burlington Transit
- Hamilton Street Railway
- Niagara Regional Transit (if time permits)

Saturday, April 20th – North and Northwest GTA

- Brampton Transit
- York Region Transit
- Mississauga Transit
- The MBS Meeting will be held on Saturday evening at the host hotel in the New York room.

Sunday, April 21st – Toronto and eastern GTA

- Toronto Transit Commission McNicoll Garage
- Durham Region Transit
- Late afternoon airport dropoff



PLEASE bring a valid photo id and face mask which may be required by certain venues or transportation providers. For American and International members, please remember that a valid passport will be required to enter Canada.

The map at left shows the location of the host hotel in relation to Highways 401, 427 and the Toronto Airport.



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HOTEL RESERVATION INFORMATION

Room reservations must be made by either the online website (link below) or by calling the Hotel directly.

**Delta Hotels Toronto Airport & Conference Centre
655 Dixon Road,
Toronto, Ontario, Canada, M9W 1J3**

Phone: (416) 244-1711



Group Name: **The Motor Bus Society**
(Please use the group name when booking room via phone)

A block of rooms has been set aside for MBS members based on the room rates and dates shown below. For dates outside of the dates shown, MBS members are asked to use the Marriott website. The MBS room rate will only be available from April 17th to 21st inclusive.

Delta Hotels by Marriott Toronto Airport & Conference Centre (655 Dixon Rd.)	Wednesday, April 17	Thursday, April 18	Friday, April 19	Saturday, April 20	Sunday, April 21
Deluxe Queen	\$ 199	\$ 199	\$ 199	\$ 199	\$ 199
Deluxe Two Queens	\$ 199	\$ 199	\$ 199	\$ 199	\$ 199

The room rates do not include local, Provincial and Federal taxes, currently at 13% HST and 6% Municipal Accommodation Tax (subject to change). Parking is \$25 per day, plus applicable taxes. All rates are in Canadian Dollars (CDN \$).

To book online, please click on the link below for the Delta Hotels Toronto Airport secured website:

Click the link to: [Book your group rate for MOTOR BUS SOCIETY](#)

- This link should take you directly to the MBS room block page for the Delta Hotels Toronto Airport website.
- The dates are defaulted to Wednesday night to Sunday night; If you need to change this, click on the “Dates” tab and input the appropriate dates.
- Once the appropriate dates have been entered, click on “Check Availability”. Follow the instructions on the subsequent screens to confirm and pay for your reservation.
- Reservations can be cancelled up to 48 hours prior to arrival time. After that time, cancellation will result in a penalty of one night’s rate. There is also a penalty of one night’s rate for early departure.
- The online website does not include the daily parking rate of \$25 plus taxes per night.

*Hotel reservations **must be made Wednesday, March 27, 2024**. Rooms can be guaranteed by a credit card for late arrival. If you are making a reservation by phone, please be sure to have the following information easily accessible when making the phone call:*

Type of card: _____ Number _____ - _____ - _____ Expires _____ - _____

Full name on card: _____



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Attendance Registration Form

Please Mail to: Motor Bus Society, Michael Glikin, Director of Conventions,
8440 South Dixie Highway, Apt. 1402, Miami FL 33143
 Phone Number: (917) 714-7087

Please make ____ reservations for me for the Toronto MBS Convention. I will be attending the following days:

Thursday _____ Friday _____ Saturday _____ Sunday _____

Convention Registration Fees – Please read table below carefully – Remember to register early!
The deadline to register is Sunday, March 31st

Convention Registration Fees (Per Person) <i>Please circle appropriate box for the payment you will be making</i>	Rates Shown are in U.S. \$			
	All Four Days		Individual Days	
	MBS Members	Non MBS Members	MBS Members	Non MBS Members
Payment via Check or Money Order	\$ 250	\$ 300	\$ 70	\$ 85

Payment via Check or Money Order:

The check or money order should be payable to “Motor Bus Society II”. Canadian and International registrants should pay in US\$. A check / money order is enclosed for \$ _____ U.S.\$

Please note that the option to pay the convention registration fee via PayPal is currently not available.

Name: _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Prov: _____ ZIP/Code: _____

Phone: (____) ____ - _____ E-mail: _____

If paying for additional guests, please list their name and city for their name badge:

Name: _____ City: _____ State/Prov: _____

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By submitting this Registration Form to MBS, I recognize that there are certain inherent risks associated with participating in the activities of this Convention and agree for myself and those registering with me that I/we assume full responsibility for personal injury to myself and (if applicable) those registering with me, and further release and discharge the Motor Bus Society for injury, loss or damage arising out of my or their participation in the Spring 2024 Convention. I further understand and agree that the Motor Bus Society is not responsible for actions or injuries caused by participants upon other participants.

Please bring a face covering/mask in case masking is required by certain venues or the bus carrier. By submitting this Registration Form to MBS, I agree to release and hold harmless MBS and its officers and trustees from and against damages, liability, claims and expenses arising from the contraction or spread of disease due to my travel to or participation in any aspect of the MBS Spring 2024 Convention.