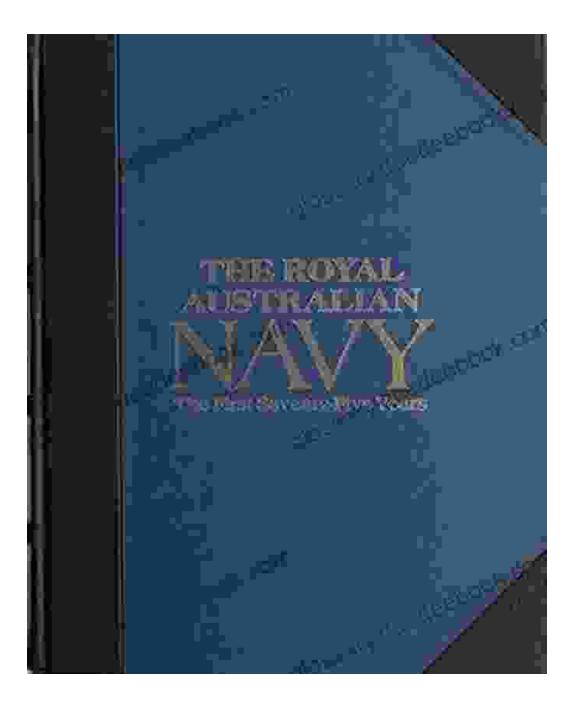
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The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) is the public transit agency responsible for providing public transportation services in the Greater Toronto Area. The TTC operates a network of subways, buses, streetcars, and light rail lines that serve over 2.5 million riders each day.

The TTC has a long and storied history, dating back to 1861 when the first horse-drawn streetcar line was opened in Toronto. Over the years, the TTC has undergone many changes and expansions, but it has always remained committed to providing safe, reliable, and affordable transportation to the people of Toronto.

The Early Years

The first horse-drawn streetcar line in Toronto opened on September 11, 1861. The line ran from the Esplanade to Yorkville, and it was operated by the Toronto Street Railway Company (TSR).

The TSR quickly expanded its network of streetcar lines, and by the end of the 19th century, the company was operating over 100 miles of track. In 1891, the TSR was purchased by the City of Toronto, and the company became known as the Toronto Transportation Commission (TTC).

The 20th Century

The 20th century was a period of great growth and expansion for the TTC. In 1911, the TTC opened its first subway line, the Yonge-University line.

The subway line was an instant success, and it quickly became the backbone of the TTC's transportation network.

The TTC continued to expand its network of subway lines throughout the 20th century. In 1954, the TTC opened the Bloor-Danforth line, and in 1963, the TTC opened the Sheppard line. In 1978, the TTC opened the Spadina line, and in 1996, the TTC opened the Scarborough RT line.

In addition to expanding its subway network, the TTC also expanded its network of bus and streetcar lines. By the end of the 20th century, the TTC was operating over 1,000 buses and streetcars.

The 21st Century

The 21st century has been a period of continued growth and expansion for the TTC. In 2002, the TTC opened the Millennium Line, and in 2011, the TTC opened the Eglinton Crosstown line. The TTC is currently planning to open the Ontario Line in 2030.

In addition to expanding its network, the TTC has also been investing in new technology. In 2007, the TTC introduced PRESTO, a new fare card system. PRESTO allows riders to pay for their fares using a card instead of cash. The TTC is also currently testing new technologies such as autonomous vehicles and electric buses.

The TTC Today

The TTC is one of the largest public transit agencies in North America. The TTC operates a network of subways, buses, streetcars, and light rail lines that serve over 2.5 million riders each day. The TTC is committed to

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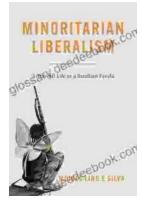
The TTC has a long and storied history, dating back to 1861. Over the years, the TTC has undergone many changes and expansions, but it has always remained committed to providing safe, reliable, and affordable transportation to the people of Toronto. The TTC is an essential part of the Toronto community, and it plays a vital role in the city's economy and social fabric.



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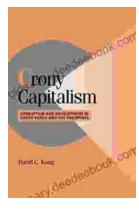
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