

<p>2. Wellington Street Temporary Road Closure Fermeture temporaire de la rue Wellington</p>
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Committee recommendations

That Council approve:

1. **That, in consultation with Ottawa Police Services, Ottawa Fire Services and Ottawa Paramedic Services, Wellington Street between Elgin and Bank Street be re-opened to all traffic as soon as it is operationally feasible as determined by the Director of Traffic Services but no sooner than March 1st, 2023, to allow for the replacement and installation of traffic infrastructure in the area; and**
2. **That staff explore options for temporary road closures of Wellington Street between Elgin Street and Bank Street during the summer of 2023 for special events and community programming or for the safety and wellbeing of the residents of Ottawa; and**
3. **That the General Managers of Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development and Public Works continue ongoing discussions with Federal officials regarding the potential of a redefined Parliamentary Precinct, with appropriate consultation with local businesses and residents; and**
4. **That staff ensure that appropriate easements, city infrastructure, future transportation plans, land valuation process, impact of any changes to bus routes on the capacity of downtown street including accesses and entrances to O-Train stations and any potential land exchange are considered in all discussions with federal officials; and**
5. **That staff continue to work with Public Service and Procurement Canada on finalizing a traffic study and report back to Transportation Committee and Council in the first quarter of 2024 or as soon as the study is complete including an update on ongoing discussions,**

- recommendations and any requests resulting from the negotiation framework; and
6. That staff regularly liaise with the mayor's office and the local Councillor to identify opportunities to increase programming and seek out partnerships to improve the beautification and animation of the Wellington Street, and;
 7. That the re-opening plan include a temporary protected bike lane with the use of flex posts to retain the cycling connections in between temporary closures and re-openings and to protect active transportation users from vehicular traffic.

For the information of Council:

Direction to Staff:

That staff provide an update to Committee and Council by memorandum identifying the framework for what the seasonal closure and animation (of Wellington Street) would involve, and to lay out the parameters for such a project, before the Spring of 2023.

Recommandations du Comité

Que le Conseil approuve :

1. Qu'en consultation avec ces trois services, la rue Wellington soit ouverte à tous entre les rues Elgin et Bank dès que faisable selon le directeur des Services de la circulation, mais pas avant le 1^{er} mars 2023 afin de permettre le remplacement et l'installation d'infrastructures routières dans ce secteur;
2. Que le personnel étudie les possibilités de fermeture temporaire de la rue Wellington entre les rues Elgin et Bank à l'été 2023 pour les événements spéciaux et les activités communautaires ou pour la sécurité et le bien-être des résidents d'Ottawa;
3. Que les directeurs généraux de Planification, Immobilier et Développement économique et de Travaux publics continuent de discuter avec les représentants fédéraux de la possibilité de redéfinir

les limites de la Cité parlementaire, en consultation avec les entreprises et les résidents du secteur;

4. Que le personnel s'assure que soient pris en compte dans ces discussions les servitudes, l'infrastructure municipale, les projets de transport, l'évaluation foncière, les répercussions de la modification des circuits d'autobus sur la capacité des rues du centre-ville, notamment l'accès aux stations de l'O-Train et leurs entrées, et tout échange possible de terrains;
5. Que le personnel continue de travailler avec Services publics et Approvisionnement Canada pour achever l'étude des répercussions sur la circulation et présenter un rapport au Comité des transports et au Conseil au premier trimestre de 2024 ou dès que l'étude sera prête, étude qui devra notamment faire le point sur les discussions, les recommandations et les demandes découlant du cadre de négociation;
6. Que le personnel communique régulièrement avec le bureau du maire et le conseiller du quartier pour relever les occasions d'activités et de partenariats afin d'embellir la rue Wellington et de la rendre plus animée, et;
7. Que le plan de réouverture prévoie une bande cyclable protégée temporaire délimitée par des poteaux flexibles pour conserver les liens cyclables entre les fermetures temporaires et les réouvertures et protéger les adeptes du transport actif des véhicules.

Pour la gouverne du Conseil :

Instructions au personnel

Que le personnel informe le Comité et le Conseil du cadre pour la fermeture saisonnière et l'animation (de la rue Wellington) et des paramètres du projet dans une note de service d'ici le printemps 2023.

Documentation/Documentation

1. Committee Coordinator's report, Council and Committee Services, Office of the City Clerk, dated 26 January 2023 (ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0021)

Rapport du Coordonnateur de Comité, Service au Conseil municipal et aux comités, Bureau du Greffier municipal, daté le 26 janvier 2023 (ACS2023-OCC-CCS-0021)
2. Extract of draft Minutes, Transportation Committee, January 26, 2023

Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal, Comité des transports, le 26 janvier 2023

Wellington Street Temporary Road Closure

With the will of the Committee, the above item, listed on the Transportation Committee agenda as *Information Previously Distributed*, was lifted for the Committee's consideration by the introduction of the following Motion:

MOTION N^o TRC 2023 - 01-01

Moved by Vice-Chair C. Kitts:

That, pursuant to Subsection 89(3) of the Procedure By-law (being By-law N^o 2022-410), the Transportation Committee approve that the Rules of Procedure be suspended to allow for the consideration of the item listed as:

***IPD A – WELLINGTON STREET TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
(ACS2023-PWD-TRF-0001)***

CARRIED

The Vice-Chair then read out the following Motion:

MOTION N^o TRC 2023 - 01-02

Moved by Vice-Chair C. Kitts:

WHEREAS on February 23, 2022, Council approved a motion to temporarily close Wellington Street between Bank Street and Elgin Street until the end of 2022 and that the road not re-open until such a time that a report is brought forward to Transportation Committee; and

WHEREAS the IPD sent to Council on January 17, 2023, indicated that staff will bring forward a report to Transportation Committee once the Traffic Study that is set to begin shortly has been completed; and

WHEREAS Traffic Services conducted a review of traffic impacts due to the closure, and concluded that the current closure is manageable based on 2022 traffic volumes, however, have observed some impacts of detoured traffic on the road network in the area; and

WHEREAS the return to the office of Federal Government employees will lead to increased pedestrian, cycling and traffic volumes in the downtown core and along with planned major construction projects in the area, will lead to increase congestion; and

WHEREAS the City has received requests from residents, businesses and visitors to re-open Wellington Street; and

WHEREAS the increased congestion and impacts of detoured traffic can increase the number of potential risks to pedestrians and cyclists; and

WHEREAS opening Wellington Street will provide additional capacity for vehicles travelling in the downtown core, thereby reducing the impact of the return to work of Federal Employees and planned lane reductions as a result of construction in the area; and

WHEREAS staff can currently, in consultation with Ottawa Police Services, Ottawa Fire Services and Ottawa Paramedic Services, choose to temporarily close Wellington Street and other city streets for special events, security reasons or to allow for lawful protests;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in consultation with Ottawa Police Services, Ottawa Fire Services and Ottawa Paramedic Services, Wellington Street between Elgin and Bank Street be re-opened to all traffic as soon as it is operationally feasible as determined by the Director of Traffic Services but no sooner than March 1st, 2023 to allow for the replacement and installation of traffic infrastructure in the area; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff explore options for temporary road closures of Wellington Street between Elgin Street and Bank Street during the summer of 2023 for special events and community programming or for the safety and wellbeing of the residents of Ottawa; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Managers of Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development and Public Works continue ongoing discussions with Federal officials regarding the potential of a redefined Parliamentary Precinct, with appropriate consultation with local businesses and residents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff ensure that appropriate easements, city infrastructure, future transportation plans, land valuation process, impact of any changes to bus routes on the capacity of downtown street including accesses and entrances to O-Train stations and any potential land exchange are considered in all discussions with federal officials; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff continue to work with Public Service and Procurement Canada on finalizing a traffic study and report back to Transportation Committee and Council in the first quarter of 2024 or as soon as the study is complete including an update on ongoing discussions, recommendations and any requests resulting from the negotiation framework; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED staff regularly liaise with the mayor's office and the local Councillor to identify opportunities to increase programming and seek out partnerships to improve the beautification and animation of the Wellington Street.

Ms. Vivi Chi, Director, Transportation Planning, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development (PRED) Department, and Mr. Philippe Landry, Director, Traffic Services, Public Works Department, were present to respond to questions.

The Committee then heard from the following public delegations, offering their views on the possibility of reopening Wellington Street:

1. Mr. Derrick Simpson, President, Centretown Community Association and Chair, CCA Transportation Committee
2. Hon. Andrew Cardozo*, Senator
3. Mr. Stephen MacDonald
4. Mr. William van Geest+, Living City Program Coordinator, Ecology Ottawa

5. Ms Linda Mathies+, Parkways for People
6. Mr. Dave Robertson
7. Mr. Gabriel Rivett-Carnac
8. Mr. Kevin McHale, Executive Director, Sparks Street BIA and Mall Authority
9. Mr. Ben Cool-Fergus

Written submissions were also received from the following:

1. Ms Brenda Knight* (Residents of Park Square - 151 Bay Street)
2. Mr. John Grant*
3. Mr. Edgar M. Toro*
4. Mr. Jarno van der Kolk*
5. Mr. Tom and Ms Sue Janson*

[+ Slide presentations/visuals, held on file with the Office of the City Clerk]

*[* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions and presentations are held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.]*

During Committee's consideration of the Motion, Councillor Troster proposed the addition of a temporary bicycle lane as follows:

That the re-opening plan include a temporary protected bike lane with the use of flex posts to retain the cycling connections in between temporary closures and re-openings and to protect active transportation users from vehicular traffic.

Councillor Troster also proposed the following:

Direction to Staff:

That staff provide an update to Committee and Council by memorandum identifying the framework for what the seasonal closure and animation (of Wellington Street) would involve, and to lay out the parameters for such a project, before the Spring of 2023.

With discussions having concluded, Motion N^o TRC 2023 - 01-02, as amended, was put before Committee and was 'CARRIED' on a vote of 12 'Yeas' to zero "Nays", as follows:

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YEAS (12): Councillors J. Bradley, G. Darouze, S. Desroches, S. Devine, L. Dudas, G. Gower, L. Johnson, W. Lo, M. Luloff, A. Troster, C. Kitts and Chair T. Tierney

NAYS (0):

CARRIED