



MEMO / NOTE DE SERVICE

To / Destinataire Mayor and Council

From / Expéditeur Ryan Perrault, Interim GM
Strategic Initiatives Department

Subject / Objet By-law Authorizing the Making of an Application to Expropriate Property Interests Required for the Stage 2 Light Rail Transit Project, including the Richmond Road Complete Street improvements Date: August 30, 2024

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memo is to detail the requirement for a by-law authorizing the making of an application to expropriate property interests required for the Stage 2 Light Rail Transit Project (the “**Stage 2 LRT Project**”).

On March 8, 2017, City Council directed what was then the Corporate Real Estate Office to proceed with the acquisition of property interests required to facilitate the construction, use and maintenance of the Stage 2 LRT Project and related works. The majority of the required property interests have now been secured, with a small number remaining.

Additional property interests are required in connection with the Richmond Complete Street initiative which is being undertaken as part of the Stage 2 LRT Project. The reconstruction of Richmond Road as a "complete street" aims to support active transportation by incorporating essential road modifications, such as dedicated lanes and enhanced pedestrian amenities. These improvements are required to ensure a safer and more efficient transportation corridor that aligns with the goals of the Stage 2 LRT Project.

The Property Acquisition team for the Stage 2 LRT Project, is working towards achieving negotiated agreements with owners of property required for the State 2 LRT Project consistent with the City’s Real Property Acquisition Policy; however, in order to ensure that certain required property interests are secured in time to meet current timelines established for the delivery of the Project, the commencement of expropriation proceedings is recommended.

Staff are recommending that council adopt the by-law which is attached in draft as Document 1 to this memorandum for the purpose of authorizing the making of an application for approval to expropriate property interests identified in Schedules “A” and “B” to the draft by-law.

The purpose of by-law attached as Document 1 is to initiate the expropriation process to acquire certain property interests, generally described in the sketches included in Schedule “B” to the draft

by-law, which have been identified as being required for the purposes of the Stage 2 LRT Project including the Richmond Road Complete Street improvements.

In accordance with Section 4 of the *Expropriations Act*, Council, acting as the approving authority, must authorize the making of an application to expropriate. Once this approval is granted, notice of the City's intent to seek approval to proceed with an expropriation will be served in accordance with the legislation and will also be published once a week, for three consecutive weeks in English and French newspapers having general circulation in the Ottawa Region.

It is important to note that initiating expropriation proceedings or even completing the expropriation of property does not mean the City will cease negotiations. Staff will continue efforts to achieve a negotiated resolution to all property acquisition matters.

The concurrence of the Mayor and Ward Councillor for every Ward which includes any of the property interests described in Schedule "A" to the draft by-law has been obtained prior to including the draft by-law in the Council Agenda.

The concurrence of Councillor Kavanagh (Ward 7) has been obtained prior to including the draft by-law in the Council Agenda.

The current approved capital authority for the Stage 2 LRT Project (Capital Project #907926) includes an allocation for property acquisition and related expenditures. Staff have estimated costs associated with the property interests described in Schedules "A" and "B" to the Draft By-law included in Document 1, including costs associated with expropriation, and have concluded that such costs can be met within the approved budget allocation.

If you require further information with respect to the information in this memorandum, please feel free to contact **Geraldine Wildman**, Director, Housing Solutions and Investments, extension 27815.

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cc: Senior Leadership Team

Enc. Document 1 – Draft By-law (attached)