

- 1. Motions – Transportation Committee recommendations regarding Public Services and Procurement Canada Presentation – South Block Project**
- Motions – Recommandations du comité des transports portant sur la présentation des Services publics et Approvisionnement Canada - Îlots du Sud**

**Committee recommendation(s)**

**That Council approve the following:**

- 1. Direct staff that any temporary construction encroachment permit issued related to the South Block project require that Wellington Street be open at all times to one vehicular lane in each direction and one segregated cycling lane in each direction; and**
- 2. That, if PSPC indicates that this is not possible, that staff bring forward a report to Transportation Committee prior to the issuance of any temporary construction encroachment permit for the vehicle or cycling lanes on Wellington Street;**
- 3. That, prior to any subterranean ROW License of Occupation for Wellington Street being granted to PSPC, that staff report out on this matter to Transportation Committee and City Council.**
- 4. Delegate the authority to the General Manager, Planning, Development and Building Services to negotiate and enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with PSPC such that they commit to the following before any Temporary Construction Encroachment permits are issued by the City of Ottawa after February 1, 2025 for the South Block Project:**
  - a) Funding for the federal portion of the Sparks Street Public Realm Plan design;**
  - b) Annual financial support to the Sparks Street Business Improvement Area for tourism destination development and programming;**
  - c) More favourable customized leasing terms for the vacant Sparks Street federal properties such that real progress can be made in**

finding short- and long-term small business retail tenants for the street.

**Recommandation du Comité**

**Que le Conseil approuve ce qui suit:**

- 1. demande au personnel que tout permis d’empiétement temporaire pour travaux de construction délivré relativement au projet de l’édifice du Sud exige que la rue Wellington soit ouverte en tout temps à la circulation dans chaque sens et à une voie cyclable distincte dans chaque sens;**
- 2. que si SPAC indique que ce n’est pas possible, le personnel présente un rapport au Comité des transports avant la délivrance d’un permis d’empiétement temporaire pour travaux de construction pour les voies de circulation automobile ou les voies cyclables sur la rue Wellington;**
- 3. qu’avant d’accorder à un SPAC un permis d’occupation de l’emprise souterraine pour la rue Wellington, le personnel rende compte de la question au Comité des transports et au Conseil municipal.**
- 4. d’autorisé la directrice générale des Services de la planification, de l’aménagement et du bâtiment à négocier et à conclure un protocole d’entente avec SPAC en vertu duquel SPAC s’engage à faire ce qui suit, avant que des permis d’empiétement temporaire pour travaux de construction ne soient délivrés par la Ville d’Ottawa après le 1<sup>er</sup> février 2025 pour le projet de l’édifice du Sud, à savoir :**
  - a) Financer la portion fédérale de la conception du Plan du domaine public de la rue Sparks;**
  - b) Fournir un soutien financier annuel à la Zone d’amélioration commerciale de la rue Sparks pour le développement et la programmation en tant que destination touristique;**
  - c) Accorder des conditions de location sur mesure plus favorables pour les propriétés fédérales vacantes sur la rue**

**Sparks afin que des progrès puissent être réellement accomplis pour trouver de petits commerces de détail locataires à court et à long terme pour la rue.**

**FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL**

The committee also approved the following DIRECTIONS to staff (Councillor A. Troster):

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff review the temporary construction encroachment permit revenue projections from the South Block project; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff review the financial estimates for Council's priority public realm projects in the affected area; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that staff consider these projections and estimates as part of the Draft 2025 Operating and Capital Budget development and report back as part of the Draft 2025 Operating and Capital Budget process.**

**POUR L'INFORMATION DU CONSEIL MUNICIPAL**

Le comité a également approuvé les DIRECTIVES au personnel suivante (Conseillère A. Troster):

**IL EST PAR CONSÉQUENT RÉSOLU QUE le personnel examine les projections de recettes tirées des permis d'empiétement temporaire pour travaux de construction pour le projet de l'édifice du Sud;**

**IL EST ÉGALEMENT RÉSOLU QUE le personnel examine les estimations financières pour les projets prioritaires du Conseil touchant le domaine public dans le secteur visé;**

**IL EST ÉGALEMENT RÉSOLU QUE le personnel tienne compte de ces projections et estimations dans le cadre de la préparation du budget provisoire de fonctionnement et d'immobilisations de 2025, et qu'il en rende compte dans le cadre du processus d'établissement du budget provisoire de fonctionnement et d'immobilisations de 2025.**

Documentation/Documentation

1. Extract of draft Minutes, Transportation Committee, September 26, 2024  
  
Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal du Comité des transports, le 26 septembre 2024
  
2. Committee Coordinator's transmittal report, Council and Committee Services, Office of the City Clerk, dated September 26, 2024 (ACS2024-OCC-CCS-0088)  
  
Rapport d'accompagnement de la Coordonnatrice de la Comité, Services au Conseil municipal et aux comités, Bureau du Greffe municipal, daté le 26 septembre 2024 (ACS2024-OCC-CCS-0088)

Extract of Draft Minutes 14  
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procès-verbal 14  
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Public Services and Procurement Canada Presentation – South Block Project

Mr. Rocque Gameiro, Director General, and Mr. Justin Tsang, Project Director, of Public Services and Procurement Canada (Government of Canada) presented a slide deck and answered questions from members of the Committee.

The following City Staff also answered questions:

- Mr. Court Curry, Manager, Right of Way, Heritage & Urban Design Services, Planning, Development & Building Department
- Ms. Vivi Chi, General Manager, Planning, Development Building Services, Planning, Development & Building Department
- Mr. Philippe Landry, Director, Traffic Services, Public Works Department

A copy of the slide presentation is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

There were no public written submissions received.

Mr. Kevin McHale, Executive Director, Sparks Street BIA & Mall Authority, spoke and answered questions from the Committee.

Following discussion, the Committee considered the following motions:

**Motion No. TRC 2024-14-01**

Moved by C. Kitts

**WHEREAS** the federal government, through Public Services and Procurement Canada, is redeveloping the block bounded by Metcalfe Street, Wellington Street, O'Connor Street and Sparks Street, known as the future "South Block"; and

**WHEREAS** PSPC has indicated that they may require the reduction of Wellington Street to only one lane of vehicular traffic for several years to facilitate the construction of this project; and

**WHEREAS** traffic volumes in the downtown core are returning to pre-COVID levels and Wellington is a crucial east-west traffic spine, even more so in light of the upcoming renewal of Albert and Slater streets; and

**WHEREAS** the traffic plan submitted to-date would cause a pinchpoint on Wellington;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Transportation Committee recommend that Council direct staff that any temporary construction encroachment permit issued related to the South Block project require that Wellington Street be open at all times to one vehicular lane in each direction and one segregated cycling lane in each direction; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** if PSPC indicates that this is not possible, that staff bring forward a report to Transportation Committee prior to the issuance of any temporary construction encroachment permit for the vehicle or cycling lanes on Wellington Street;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** prior to any subterranean ROW License of Occupation for Wellington Street being granted to PSPC, that staff report out on this matter to Transportation Committee and City Council.

Councillor J. Bradly dissented on Motion no. 2024-14-01.

**Motion No. TRC 2024-14-02**

Moved by A. Troster

**WHEREAS** the federal government, through Public Services and Procurement Canada, is redeveloping the block bounded by Metcalfe Street, Wellington Street, O'Connor Street and Sparks Street, known as the future "South Block"; and

**WHEREAS** construction is estimated to be completed in 2034 and will significantly disrupt the public realm on these streets, as well as impair annual signature tourism events and local economic activity in the neighbourhood; and

**WHEREAS** the federal government has a responsibility to ensure that as a good neighbour it must provide support to the impacted businesses and tourism sector throughout this decade of construction; and

**WHEREAS** City Council approved a public realm plan for Sparks Street in 2019 and formally asked PSPC to contribute financially towards its implementation with no response received; and

**WHEREAS** through its approval of the Term of Council City Strategic Plan this Council has approved a strategic priority of "reimagining the downtown" and established the priority objectives of "increasing the public realm in strategic locations" and "increas(ing) economic activity, safety, and tourism"; and

**WHEREAS** through its approval of the City Economic Development Strategy and Action Plan, Council approved Action Item 2.2 "Advance Downtown Redevelopment Projects" and specifically "Secure the funding required to

**advance significant downtown revitalization projects, including ByWard Market and Sparks Street Public Realm Plans”;** and

**WHEREAS the City of Ottawa will collect modest revenues from implementation of the project;**

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Councillor S. Desroches dissented on recommendations 1A and 1B of Motion no. 2024-14-02.

**Carried**