

**Motion – Councillor D. Hill – Transit audit**

**Motion – D. Hill, conseiller – Vérification du transport en commun**

**Committee Recommendation(s)**

**That Council:**

- 1. Direct OC Transpo's Chief Safety Officer to conduct an audit, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the *Municipal Act*, into the safety concerns that resulted in Line 1 Trains being removed from operation due to the Cartridge Bearing Assembly spalling issue; and
  - a. the audit be presented to the Transit Committee in Q2 2026, in camera if deemed necessary; and**
  - b. a draft of the audit be provided to the Auditor General of Ottawa, prior to the audit being submitted to Committee; and****
- 2. Request that the Auditor General consider increasing the priority of the agile audit of the LRT on her 2026-2027 workplan so that work can begin as soon as the audit by OC Transpo has been submitted to the Auditor General's Office, should she believe further value could be added by her Office in this area.**

**Recommandation(s) du comité**

**Que le Conseil :**

- 1. Donne instruction à la cheffe de la sécurité d'OC Transpo de procéder, conformément aux dispositions applicables de la *Loi sur les municipalités*, à une vérification portant sur les enjeux de sécurité découlant de la mise hors service des trains de la Ligne 1 en raison du problème d'effritement de l'ensemble de roulements cartouches;
  - a. que la vérification soit présentée au Comité du transport en commun au deuxième trimestre de 2026, à huis clos si on le juge nécessaire;**
  - b. qu'une version provisoire de la vérification soit fournie à la vérificatrice générale d'Ottawa, avant que la vérification ne soit****

soumise au Comité;

2. **Demande que la vérificatrice générale envisage d'augmenter le niveau de priorité de la vérification agile du train léger sur rail dans son plan de travail 2026-2027, afin que le travail puisse commencer dès que la vérification d'OC Transpo sera remise au Bureau de la vérificatrice générale, si elle juge que son bureau peut apporter une contribution supplémentaire.**

#### Documentation/Documentation

1. Extract of draft Minutes, Transit Committee, February 12, 2026.  
Extrait de l'ébauche du procès-verbal du Comité du transport en commun, le 12 février 2026.
2. Motion report, submitted to Transit Committee, dated February 12, 2026 (ACS2026-OCC-CCS-0018)  
Rapport de la motion soumise au Comité du transport en commun, daté le 12 février 2026 (ACS2026-OCC-CCS-0018)

OC Transpo Update – Rail, Bus, and Para Transpo

The following Transit Services Department staff provided a presentation on the item and answered questions from the Committee. A copy of the slide presentation is filed with the Office of the City Clerk.

- Troy Charter, General Manager
- Joel Lemieux, Director, Transit Services Delivery & Rail Operations
- Richard Holder, Director, Rail Construction Program
- Rami El Feghali, Director, Transit Bus Operations & Maintenance
- Sabrina Pasian, Chief Safety Officer
- François Quirouette, Program Manager, Service Strategy

The following staff also responded to questions from Committee:

- Pat Scrimgeour, Director, Transit Customer Systems & Planning
- Marko Kroenke, Director, Engineering Services
- Oliver Monahan, AGM, Transit Services Department

The following residents spoke before the Committee and provided comments on the item:

- Ajay Ramachandran
- Hayden Hultink
- Sam Hersh
- Saad Khan
- Kyle Humphrey
- Noah Vineberg

- John Redins
- Shalini Kathirgmanathan
- Xavier Auger

The following written submissions were received by, and are filed with, the Office of the City Clerk, and distributed to Committee Members:

1. Email dated January 30, 2026 from Charissa Teal
2. Email dated February 1, 2026 from Yanile Dolor

After the discussion, Councillor R. Brockington presented a Direction to Staff:

As part of the standard agenda item at Transit Committee meetings noted as *OC Transpo Update – Rail, Bus, and Para Transpo*, the (Acting) General Manager be directed to add a slide to future presentations that informs the Committee of the current number of mechanics on staff, the number needed to reach the optimal staffing level, the established timeline to reach the optimal level and a summary of outreach being undertaken to recruit new mechanics.

**Motion No. TC 2026-23-01**

Moved by D. Hill

**WHEREAS the Auditor General has an Agile Audit of Light-Rail Transit on her 2026-2027 workplan; and**

**WHEREAS OC Transpo's Chief Safety Officer has a Quality Assurance team that are responsible for internal and external audits to ensure regulatory, safety and technical requirements and standards are being met;**

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT OC Transpo's Chief Safety Officer be directed to conduct an audit, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Municipal Act, into the safety concerns that resulted in Line 1 Trains being removed from operation due to the Cartridge Bearing Assembly spalling issue; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the audit be presented to the Transit Committee in Q2 2026, in camera if deemed necessary; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a draft of the audit be provided to the Auditor General of Ottawa, prior to the audit being submitted to Committee; and**

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council request that the Auditor General consider increasing the priority of the agile audit of the LRT on her 2026-2027 workplan so that work can begin as soon as the audit by OC Transpo has been submitted to the Auditor General's Office, should she believe further value could be added by her Office in this area.**

**Carried**