



**Ottawa City Council**

**25 April 2018**

**Andrew S. Haydon Hall**

**10:00 a.m.**

**Disposition of Items Approved by Committees under Delegated Authority**

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For the information of Council, the following item was approved by the Transit Commission under Delegated Authority, at its meeting of 18 April, 2018:

ONGOING INSTRUCTION TO PROVIDE TRANSIT SERVICES  
IN A MANNER THAT CELEBRATES DIVERSITY AND RESPECTS  
FUNDAMENTAL FREEDOMS

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**MOTION**

Moved by Commissioner B. Crew

**WHEREAS** the Province of Québec recently passed Bill 62 into law, which is an Act that is entitled “*An Act to foster adherence to State religious neutrality*” (“the Legislation”); and,

**WHEREAS** the Legislation specifically applies to public transit authorities; and,

**WHEREAS** the Legislation specifies that persons in Québec who request a service from a personnel member of a body referred to in the Legislation must have their face uncovered when the service is provided; and,

**WHEREAS** the City of Ottawa operates OC Transpo, a transit service that provides cross-border services into the Province of Québec; and,

**WHEREAS** this Legislation does not respect the fundamental freedoms of conscience and religion and freedom of expression guaranteed by Section 2 of the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*; and,

**WHEREAS** this Legislation and the enforcement of it does not respect the *Canadian Human Rights Act*; and,

**WHEREAS** the Mayor of the City of Ottawa advised the Premier of Québec, by letter dated October 25, 2017, that the City of Ottawa's bus drivers will not take any steps to enforce the Legislation and would be instructed not to do so;

**THEREFORE** be it resolved that the Transit Commission for the City of Ottawa will remain committed to equity and diversity, and will continue to provide OC Transpo's transit services in a manner that respects the fundamental freedoms guaranteed to all by the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

CARRIED