



**Finance and Economic Development Committee
Special Meeting**

Minutes 33

Friday, December 17, 2021

Electronic Participation

This Meeting will be held through electronic participation in accordance with Section 238 of the *Municipal Act, 2001* as amended by the *COVID-19 Economic Recovery Act, 2020*.

- Notes:**
1. *Please note that these Minutes are to be considered DRAFT until confirmed by Committee.*
 2. *Underlining indicates a new or amended recommendation approved by Committee.*
 3. *Except where otherwise indicated, reports requiring Council consideration will be presented to Council on 26 January 2022 in Finance and Economic Development Committee Report 33.*

Present:

Chair: Mayor Watson
Vice-Chair: Councillor L. Dudas
Councillors: J. Cloutier, C. Curry, G. Darouze, E. El-Chantiry, G. Gower, A. Hubley, M. Luloff, S. Moffatt, T. Tierney

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were filed.

IN CAMERA ITEMS*

That, in accordance with the Procedure By-Law 2021-24, the Finance and Economic Development Committee resolve In Camera pursuant to Subsections 13 (1)(e), litigation or potential litigation affecting the city, and 13(1)(f), the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose, to receive and consider the Light Rail Transit (LRT) – Legal Update - In Camera - Reporting out date: Not to be reported out.

1. LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) – LEGAL UPDATE – IN CAMERA – REPORTING OUT DATE: NOT TO BE REPORTED OUT

CITY WIDE

The following motion was introduced:

MOTION No. FEDC 2021 1/33

Moved by Vice-Chair Dudas

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Finance and Economic Development Committee resolve *In Camera* to receive and consider LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT) – LEGAL UPDATE – pursuant to the *Procedure By-Law*, Subsections 13 (1)(e), litigation or potential litigation affecting the City, and 13(1)(f), the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose – Reporting out Date: Not to be reported out.

CARRIED

Committee resolved *In Camera* at 11:27 am and resumed in open session at 1:50 pm.

Upon resuming in open session, Mayor Watson advised that the Finance and Economic Development Committee met *In Camera* to consider Light Rail Transit

(LRT) – Legal Update.

As noted above, the content of the *In Camera* update regarding Light Rail Transit contains information pertaining to the legal aspects of the subject matter, the material falls within the exception contemplated by Subsections 13(1)(e), and 13(1)(f) of City Council's Procedure By-Law. As such, this matter will not be reported out.

The subject matter of this item was the receipt and consideration of an update on the legal issues and options with respect to the Light Rail Transit (LRT). Upon resuming in open session, Mayor Watson stated that no votes were taken other than procedural motions and/or directions to staff.

PRESENTATIONS

2. QUARTERLY STAGE 2 LRT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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At the outset, Transit Services staff introduced a video demonstrating the work that has been done to date on the Confederation Lines East and West and the Trillium Line. Michael Morgan, Director of Rail Construction Program, Transit Services (TS) proceeded to speak to a PowerPoint slide presentation, which is held on file with the City Clerk.

Staff responded to Committee questions regarding work on the berms and sound wall in the east end; traffic impacts; anticipated delays in the south and west ends of the City; and sound analysis tests conducted in the west end. After discussion, the Committee RECEIVED this item for information.

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES

3. **AUTHORITY IN RESPECT OF CERTAIN COROLLARY AGREEMENTS IN RESPECT OF TRILLIUM LINE**

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REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Finance and Economic Development Committee recommend Council:

1. **Approve the acquisition of a fee simple interest in lands owned by Canadian Pacific Railway municipally known as 3101 Albion Road, shown on Documents 1 & 2 being the “Lands”, either by:**
 - a. **a negotiated purchase agreement for the combined value of \$6,362,400, plus all applicable taxes and closing costs (the “Purchase Agreement”) to be funded through accounts 908239 and 908550, as outlined in this report; or**
 - b. **the exercise of the City’s Option to Purchase the Lands pursuant to the Lease between the City and Canadian Pacific Railway Company (the “Option Agreement”);**
2. **Delegate authority to the Director, Corporate Real Estate Office to enter into, conclude, execute, amend and implement on behalf of the City, the Purchase Agreement or the Option Agreement, and to negotiate, execute, amend and implement all ancillary documents required in order to give effect to the transactions contemplated by the Purchase Agreement or the Option Agreement, as applicable, as described in this report; and**
3. **Delegate the authority to the Director, Rail Construction Program to negotiate, finalize and execute the Station Construction Agreement and the Station Operating Agreement for the Airport Rail Link with the Ottawa Macdonald-Cartier International Airport Authority with respect to the Airport Rail Link, and to negotiate, execute, amend**

and implement all ancillary documents required in order to give effect to the arrangements contemplated by the Station Construction Agreement and the Station Operating Agreement, as applicable, as described in this report.

Michael Morgan, Director of Rail Construction Program, Transit Services (TS) and Michael Crofts, Program Manager, Acquisitions, TS responded to questions with respect to remediation costs to the lands, reasons for the purchase, the location of the lands and timing of connectivity of the Airport Rail Link.

After discussion, the Committee CARRIED this item as presented.

COUNCIL REFERRAL

4. MOTION – UPDATE ON TRILLIUM LINE

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*Referred from the City Council meeting of October 27, 2021 and
Deferred from the Finance and Economic Development Committee Meeting of
December 7, 2021*

CITY COUNCIL MOTION NO 2021 – 62/18

Moved by Councillor C. A. Meehan
Seconded by Councillor D. Deans

WHEREAS Light Rail Transit Stage Two-the Trillium Line is an integral extension of Ottawa's Light Rail System that will provide service to Carleton University, the Ottawa International Airport and the growing suburbs in Ottawa's South end; and

WHEREAS SNC Lavalin is part of TransitNext, the consortium chosen to design and build the Trillium Line, and was also involved in the construction of the Confederation Line; and

WHEREAS two years after the Stage One - Confederation Line was

launched, it has been plagued by technical and mechanical issues that have caused costly, ongoing service disruptions; and

WHEREAS the Confederation Line is currently out of service due to the latest derailment; and

WHEREAS Remediation and maintenance of the Confederation Line continues to be problematic; and

WHEREAS Questions have been raised about whether the quality of the railway design, construction, and installation is contributing to ongoing service problems on the Confederation Line; and

WHEREAS Trillium Line had a long history of reliable service since 2015 using the Alstom LINT vehicles and third-party maintenance services; and

WHEREAS Trillium Line employs significantly different technology and standards including diesel vehicles and simplified train control systems; and

WHEREAS Stage Two-The Trillium Line appears to be behind schedule with an unknown completion date; and

WHEREAS Concerns have been raised about whether challenges being faced on the Confederation Line are going to repeat themselves on the Trillium Line due to the involvement of SNC Lavalin on both projects;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Manager and the Director of Rail Construction immediately initiate and provide as soon as available a detailed side-by-side comparison of the challenges faced on the Confederation Line with the technical design on the Trillium Line to provide additional background information on the Trillium Line design and construction; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Manager and Director of Rail Construction engage a peer review of the strategy for design, construction, commissioning, and maintenance of the Trillium Line by the TransitNEXT organization to identify potential challenges caused by design, construction, commissioning, training, and/or organizational design that could be remediated now before the rail line is completed;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager and Director of Rail

Construction provide an update on the construction timelines for the Trillium Line Stage 2 at the December Finance and Economic Development Committee Meeting.

At its meeting of October 27, 2021, City Council referred the above Motion to the Finance and Economic Development Committee (FEDC). On December 7, 2021, FEDC deferred the Motion to this Special FEDC meeting, being December 17, 2021.

At the outset, the City Clerk advised that the first and third resolution of the above motion can be RECEIVED as they have been (or will be) actioned.

Steve Kanellakos, City Manager responded to questions regarding the launch of LRT and the process followed.

After discussion, the Committee CARRIED the remainder of the motion, as follows:

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CARRIED

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Manager and Director of Rail Construction provide an update on the construction timelines for the Trillium Line Stage 2 at the December Finance and Economic Development Committee Meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:19 pm.

Committee Coordinator

Chair