

1. BRIAN COBURN / CUMBERLAND TRANSITWAY EXTENSION
(NAVAN ROAD TO BLAIR ROAD AT INNES ROAD) ENVIRONMENTAL
ASSESSMENT STUDY

ACS2022-PIE-TP-0003

INNES (2), CUMBERLAND (19)

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That Transportation Committee recommend that Council:

1. **Approve the functional design for the Brian Coburn / Cumberland Transitway Extension (Navan Road to Blair Road at Innes Road) for the Ultimate Road and Transitway Plan, Option 7, as outlined in the report;**
2. **Approve the functional design for the Interim Transit Priority Measures, as outlined in the report; and,**
3. **Direct staff to finalize the Environmental Study Reports and proceed with its posting for the 30-day public review period in accordance with Ontario Municipal Class EA process.**

The Committee received a detailed slide presentation overview of the report from Mr. Jeff McEwen, Director, Transportation Planning, Planning, Real Estate and Economic Development (PRED) Department, and Ms Angela Taylor, Senior Project Manager, Environmental Assessment, PRED. A copy of this presentation is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk. Also present to respond to questions were Ms Vivi Chi, Associate General Manager, PRED, Mr. Frank McKinney, Program Manager, Transportation Planning – Environmental Assessments, PRED, and Mr.

Andrew Harkness, Project Manager, and Ms Kelly Roberts, Senior Environmental Planner, both with Morrison-Hershfield Consultants.

Councillor Kitts introduced the following Motion:

MOTION

Introduced by Councillor Kitts:

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WHEREAS the NCC does not support Option 7 or Option 5, based on concerns that these options are not consistent with the corridor shown in the 2013 TMP and do not conform to the NCC's Greenbelt Master Plan policies; and

WHEREAS NCC staff have indicated that only Options 1 and 4 are worthy of consideration, and even with that, more refinement of these corridors is required to further minimize Greenbelt impacts; and

WHEREAS the recommended plan requires approximately 44 hectares of greenbelt lands and the NCC has stated that federal lands will not be made available to implement this project; and

WHEREAS the study team is reviewing a potential land swap of unopened City road allowances within the NCC Greenbelt, with the assistance of the Corporate Real Estate Office; and

WHEREAS the NCC's opposition to the Brian Coburn Extension EA, which includes the Cumberland Transitway, has forced car-centric development in South Orléans in recent years; and

WHEREAS according to the Ontario Housing Affordability Task Force report, scarcity of housing has caused house prices to increase by 180% in

the last 10 years; and

WHEREAS Ontario will need to build 1.5 million new homes in the next 10 years to address the housing supply shortage; and

and WHEREAS prolonging this impasse will prevent the development of land in South Orléans at the density required to address the housing shortage and meet the goals of Ottawa's New Official Plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The Minister Responsible for the National Capital Commission be requested to direct the NCC to strike a joint committee with the City to try and resolve the impasse on the Brian Coburn Boulevard Extension EA, with a deadline to report back to the Minister and the Mayor within 100 days;
2. Planning Staff be directed to convene a summit with the Greater Ottawa Home Builders Association (GOHBA) and major developers in Orléans to discuss strategies for mitigating the impact of development approvals while the impasse remains;
3. Planning, Real Estate & Economic Development (PRED) staff be directed to bring a report to Planning and Transportation Committees outlining options for short term solutions; and
4. Staff be directed to fund any professional services from accounts: 910610 2022 Rapid Transit EA Studies and 908210 2016 EA Arterial Road Studies.

Councillor Dudas introduced the following Directions to Staff:

DIRECTIONS TO STAFF (Councillor L. Dudas):

That staff be directed to work with the Gloucester Allotment Garden Association (GAGA) to develop a mitigation plan, to address the impacts of any of the proposed options for the extension of Brian Coburn Boulevard, and that the mitigation plan include, but not be limited to, identifying potential new lands for GAGA's use.

The Committee then heard from the following public delegations:

- Mr. John McDonnell, Director-General, Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society (CPAWS), Ottawa Valley Chapter
- Mr. Alexander Rey⁺
- Mr. Anton Scheier⁺
- Mr. Nick Grover
- Ms Heather Buchanan⁺
- Mr. Al Ross, Friends of the Mer Bleue
- Ms Rachelle Lecours⁺, President, Greater Avalon Community Association (GACA)
- Mr. Larry Morrison
- Mr. Paul Johanis*, Chair, Greenspace Alliance of Canada's Capital
- Ms Rylee Batista, President, Chapel Hill South Community Association (CHSCA)
- Mr. Tony McCulloch⁺
- Mr. Edison Stewart
- Mr. Patrick Byrne
- Ms Rosanne Iland
- Mr. Jim Petrie
- Ms Gisèle Doyle*
- Mr. Bernard Wood
- Mr. Stephen Blais, MPP, Orléans

Written submissions were also received from the following:

- Mr. Tobi Nussbaum*, Chief Exec. Officer, National Capital Commission (NCC)

**EXTRACT OF DRAFT
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
MINUTES 27
2 MARCH 2022**

**EXTRAIT DE L'ÉBAUCHE DU
PROCÈS-VERBAL 27
DU COMITÉ DES TRANSPORTS
LE 2 MARS 2022**

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- Ms Lucie Bureau*, Director, Long Range Planning & Transportation, NCC
 - Mr. Daniel Buckles*
 - Mr. Gillian Cooper*
 - Ms Margot Cameron*
 - Mr. Joseph Redhead*
 - Ms Heather Dunlop*
 - Mr. Brian Roadhouse*
 - Ms Betty Ann Bryanton*
 - Mr. Alain Talbot*
 - Ms Candace Dressler*, President, Gloucester Horticultural Society
 - Mr. Marc Virtue*
 - Ms Maria Sievers*
 - Ms Debbie Grisdale*
 - Ms Liz Bernstein*
 - Mr. Chris Epplert*
 - Ms Anna-Sarah Eyrich*
 - Ms Jane Maxwell*
 - Ms Katie Morrisette*, Chapel Hill North Community Association
 - Ms Donna Leith-Gudbrandson*, Chapel Hill South Community Association
 - Mr. Brian Coburn* (as submitted by Mr. J. Petrie)
 - Mr. Ted Mackay*

[+ Slide presentation, held on file with the Office of the City Clerk]

[* Individuals / groups marked with an asterisk above either provided comments in writing or by e-mail; all submissions and presentations are held on file with the Office of the City Clerk.]

At the conclusion of questions to the delegations and to staff, and following Committee discussion, Committee considered the following:

MOTION N° TRC 2022 27-01

Moved by Councillor Kitts:

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CARRIED

MOTION N° TRC 2022 27-02

Moved by Councillor D. Deans:

That the Report be deferred until after the 100 days has been completed.

LOST, on a division of seven "Nays" to four "Yeas", as follows:

NAYS (7): Councillors M. Luloff, L. Dudas, E. El-Chantiry, C. Kitts,
G. Darouze, A. Hubley and Chair T. Tierney

YEAS (4): Councillors D. Deans, M. Fleury, S. Menard and Vice-Chair J. Leiper

The vote on the original report recommendations was divided and considered as follows:

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CARRIED

3. Direct staff to finalize the Environmental Study Reports and proceed with its posting for the 30-day public review period in accordance with Ontario Municipal Class EA process.

MOTION N^o TRC 2022 27-03

Moved by Councillor M. Fleury:

That Recommendation 3 be deferred until after the 100 days has been completed.

CARRIED

In conclusion, the Committee approved the following recommendations, as amended by Motions N^{os} TRC 2022 27-01 and TRC 2022 27-03, along with the Direction to Staff noted below:

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CARRIED, as amended

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