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July 17, 2013

Mr. Russell Mills  
Chair, Board of Directors  
National Capital Commission  
202-40 Elgin Street  
Ottawa, Ontario K1P 1C7

Dear Mr. Mills,

Please find attached a copy of the resolution carried unanimously today by City Council. The City has responded to the NCC's motion of June 28, 2013. As you will see, the City has agreed to develop additional solutions with respect to the 500 metre section west of Dominion Station.

While the City must move forward with our Transportation Master Plan and finalize our Environmental Assessment in 2014, I want to assure you that the City will continue to work with you. We fully appreciate and understand that the NCC is in a position to establish conditions. We are confident that we have identified a budget and an approach that can accommodate every aspect of the NCC's motion as design progresses.

The NCC has requested detailed designs and study. This will be done and the NCC will be included in these efforts as we progress through planning. However, that work will be completed much later in the design process. The City will include NCC staff in feedback and evaluation processes during the procurement where stations on federal land are concerned, as we did with the Confederation Line. As you will recall, despite the concerns of the NCC board of directors along the way, in the end that process resulted in a world-class design and final NCC unanimous board approval just prior to financial close.

Thank you also for your letter of July 5, 2013. We share your view that the Capital lands are indeed cherished for their scenic, cultural, recreational, natural and aesthetic value. I want to thank you for noting that Byron linear park is equivalently valued, as we heard in numerous public consultations. With your clear feedback regarding **unimpeded continuous access** and **minimal visual impact**, I feel very comfortable that we will be able to amply and flexibly meet these requirements within our identified budget.



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We will continue with the collaborative approach and will pursue the same partnership with you that we had in planning for the Confederation Line.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jim Watson'.

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Council approved the Transportation Committee Recommendation on consent, as follows:

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT 29

23. WESTERN LRT CORRIDOR (BAYVIEW TO BASELINE) PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT - RECOMMENDED CORRIDOR

**COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AS AMENDED That Council:**

- 1. Approve the Richmond Underground corridor as the preferred corridor to extend Light Rail Transit westerly from Bayview Station to Baseline Station, as described in this report;**
- 1. Direct staff to complete the functional design for the Richmond Underground corridor and that the staff ensure that the workplan for the functional detailed design include consideration of all mitigation measures detailed in the staff report as well as the concerns raised by the community and by the public delegations heard at the Special Transportation Committee meeting of July 10, 2013; and**
- 3. Direct staff to complete the Environmental Assessment process and documentation based on the functional design and file the Environmental Study Report in accordance with the Ontario Transit Regulation 231/08.**
- 4. Approve that the Richmond Underground be included in the 2013 TMP refresh scheduled for completion this year and that**



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**the notice of completion of the environmental project report be posted in Q1 2014; and**

- 5. Direct staff to continue to work with the NCC during the functional and detailed design stages of the WLRT project to address the concerns raised by the NCC Board of Directors; and**
- 6. Inform the NCC Board of Directors Chair, in writing, the outcome of this direction**

CARRIED