



MEMO / NOTE DE SERVICE

To / Destinataire Mayor, Members of Council, and
Members of the Transit Commission

From / Expéditeur Steve Kanellakos
City Manager

Subject / Objet Retention of Independent Safety Expert Date: September 24, 2021
for O-Train Confederation Line 1

Further to the September 20, 2021 Transit Commission meeting, this memo provides an update on actions that staff are taking to ensure Rideau Transit Group implements a safe return to service of the O-Train Confederation Line 1 after the derailment on September 19, 2021.

In response to the motion passed at Monday's Transit Commission, I have consulted with Sam Berrada, Council's Light Rail Regulatory Monitor and Compliance Officer, to identify and retain an independent expert to confirm the safety of the plan for return to service of the O-Train Confederation Line 1.

The technical expertise and experience for this type of work is unique and challenging to retain. Based on Mr. Berrada's advice, the City has retained STV to undertake the independent and impartial review of the cause, actions, safety plan and return to service for Line 1. STV is a North American professional firm with more than 40 years' experience in the rail transportation industry, with specialists in operations planning, vehicle technology, design and construction management.

STV were engaged on September 23 and are scheduled to arrive in Ottawa on September 27, 2021. Once STV is on site and undertakes a preliminary assessment, Members of Council and the Transit Commission will be provided with an overview of STV's work plan and anticipated timelines for the completion of the independent safety review.

The City continues to work with the Transportation Safety Board and Rideau Transit Group to determine the root cause of the September 19 derailment. Transportation Services will continue to provide Members of Council and the Transit Commission regular updates and a return-to-service date as soon as it becomes available.

Sincerely,
Steve Kanellakos

cc: Senior Leadership Team
Transportation Services Departmental Leadership Team