

## City Council

### Motion without Notice

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### **Speeding Up Streetcars: Getting People Moving Faster During King and Church Construction - by Mayor Olivia Chow, seconded by Councillor Chris Moise**

*\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

*\* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

#### **Recommendations**

Mayor Olivia Chow, seconded by Councillor Chris Moise, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the General Manager, Transportation Services, to review the King Street and Church Street transit detour operation and work with Toronto Transit Commission to identify and implement any further transit priority enhancements in consultation with the local Councillor and relevant stakeholders, including, but not limited to, traffic agents, paid duty officers, signal timing changes, parking changes, and other on street changes, that would enhance streetcar operations for the duration of the works.

#### **Summary**

The 504 King Streetcar carries over 100,000 people each day and is a key connection for people getting downtown.

Recent data shows that the streetcars diverting due to construction at King Street East. and Church Street are moving as slowly as 3.7 kilometers per hour through downtown. That is not the transit service that people expect and additional measures to speed up the streetcars during this construction must be taken.

Investing in upgraded Toronto Transit Commission infrastructure is an important part of our strategy to get Toronto moving – but each project carries a short-term impact on commuters that we have to ensure is carefully managed to keep people moving reliably.

With additional funding from the New Deal, we will see more projects to repair our crumbling infrastructure. Each of these projects needs to be carefully managed and coordinated, and we need to bring every possible tool to bear to keep our city moving.

Reason for urgency: the diversion is currently underway and any measures to speed up travel times must be implemented as soon as possible.

#### **Background Information (City Council)**

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