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Motion

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Report / Agenda: City Council Agenda 76 – March 11, 2026

Item / Article:

Re: LRT Construction and Stage 2 West Extension

Moved by / Motion de: Councillor T. Kavanagh
Seconded by / Appuyée par: Mayor M. Sutcliffe

That the Rules of Procedure be suspended to consider the following motion as the closure of Woodroffe Ave North is scheduled to happen by March 30, and the matter is time sensitive for Bay Ward residents and small businesses, as well as commuters in the west end of the city.

WHEREAS the residents of Bay Ward have been disproportionately impacted by years of construction and detours associated with the Stage 2 West Extension, which includes the development of seven new stations within the ward, and significant infrastructure work on the Richmond Road Complete Streets project; and

WHEREAS the Woodpark and Woodroffe North neighbourhoods have experienced significant and repeated disruptions, including periodic closures of Richmond, Byron, and the closure of Woodroffe Ave north of Richmond Road for several months last year; and

WHEREAS when the Richmond/Woodroffe intersection reopened in December 2025, the community was informed that any future closures would be of a short-term duration, and were surprised and disappointed to learn of a new eight-month closure of Woodroffe Avenue (north of Richmond Road), starting in late March 2026; and

WHEREAS the infrastructure renewal project on Richmond Road will replace aging watermains and other critical utilities and will be of immense value to the community and the city overall; and

WHEREAS the opening of the Stage 2 West Extension will also bring significant benefits and improvement to public transit access and reliability, consideration must be given to the negative impact this prolonged construction period has had on affected communities; and

WHEREAS this extended closure once again cuts off the main access point for the Woodroffe North community, severely impacts local small businesses, such as those located at 911 Richmond Road, and represents a significant disruption for people in the west end accessing the Kichi Zibi Mikan from Woodroffe Ave; and

WHEREAS the community has expressed a loss of faith in the timeline and management of this project, citing a lack of transparency and the unacceptable nature of repeated, unexpected, long-term closures;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City direct KEV (Kiewit-Eurovia-Vinci), the Stage 2 Constructor, to expedite the underground utility work, permanent road work, and any related construction at the intersection of Richmond and Woodroffe, allocating all available resources to shorten the duration of the closure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and KEV provide Council with a clear timeline and project plan outlining the final stages of work on the LRT Stage 2 West Extension and the Richmond Road Complete Streets project, including expected road closures and their duration by the end of Q2 2026.