

**MINISTER'S NOTICE TO
PROCEED WITH TRANSIT PROJECT**

Ontario Regulation 231/08

SUBSECTION 12(1)(a)

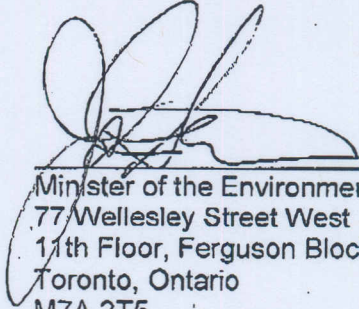
RE: Proponent: City of Ottawa

Project Description: 12.5 kilometre light rail transit route extending between the Tunney's Pasture and Blair transitway stations, including a 3.2 kilometre tunneled section extending between the LeBreton and Lees transitway stations, and a maintenance and storage facility located between the Train and St. Laurent transitway stations on the north side of Belfast Road, west of St. Laurent Boulevard and south of the Via rail corridor.

In accordance with subsection 12(1)(a) of Ontario Regulation 231/08, I hereby give notice allowing the City of Ottawa to proceed with the Downtown Ottawa Transit Tunnel project in accordance with the applicable environmental project report.

The City of Ottawa is now permitted to issue a statement of completion of the transit project assessment process. A statement of completion is the final part of the transit project assessment process. The process must be completed prior to the start of the construction phase of the project.

Dated the 11 day of August, 2010 at TORONTO.


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