

Thanks for forwarding all the correspondence you received from the community about the Confederation Line's needs at 160 Lees. We understand that this is an important topic for residents and we are working to address their concerns. I understand that the community association is meeting tonight so I wanted to forward along some preliminary points and answer to questions raised for the Councillor's reference.

- On a general note, I would just like to point out the scale of what we are undertaking here with the Confederation Line. This is the City's largest ever transit investment, in fact it's the largest infrastructure project the City has undertaken since the construction of the Rideau Canal. This is a world-class LRT system that will reshape not just how people move around the City but also the nature of communities along the whole alignment that will benefit from significantly improved transit access. This is the most significant city-building enterprise we have undertaken in more than a century. There is going to be some short term pain while we work through the construction process. That said, it is for substantial long term gain.
- In reference to some community questions about the stadium, this issue has nothing to do with the stadium. This has to do with the parking lots we are taking from Ottawa U that we are legally required to compensate them for in some fashion during construction. We believe that providing this parking is the best solution as it will alleviate the problem of students and staff circling neighbourhoods looking for parking and parking in inappropriate places. Essentially we want to avoid further exacerbating an already difficult street parking environment.
- This rezoning of the property is temporary. The east side is being loaned to RTG for construction staging and the west side (save for the play structure, trees and basketball court that we are able to preserve access to) is being loaned to UofO for parking. Both of these transfers are only for the length of time during the construction of the project. After that, we return the parking lots we took from them for construction and they, in turn, vacate the lot at 160 Lees.
- I want to be clear that we have no interest in the 160 Lees lands beyond Confederation Line construction. In the years leading up to construction completion, City staff will consult with the community on the future use of those lands.
- On the issue of why the west side of the lot as opposed to the east, see the above note about the east side being used for construction staging.

- As to the design of the parking structure and whether the site can accommodate it – we are undertaking conceptual design work right now and all indications are that it can. We will share more information as it becomes available.
- On the issue of phasing, we are actively investigating that option as part of our preliminary design work and in our discussions with the University. We should be in a position to update the Councillor and the community early in the New Year.
- I've re-attached the site plans for your reference. Note, that the parking sketch is preliminary and subject to further refinement.
- If it would help, we are happy to meet with the community early in the New Year when we have more information to provide.

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