

Audit of the Incremental Cost of the Transit Strike

Transit Strike Cost City \$5.9 Million

Ottawa, November 25, 2009 – Ottawa’s Auditor General concludes that the 2008-2009 Transit Strike cost the City \$5.9 million as a result of reductions of \$27.4 million in net revenues and \$21.5 million in net expenses. The finding is included in the Auditor General’s report released today.

“Although expenses were reduced during the strike, the significant amount of lost revenue resulted in an overall cost to the City,” concludes Alain Lalonde.

The report goes on to state that:

- Para-Transpo operated an enhanced service during the strike, which cost an additional \$517,000;
- The City paid approximately \$855,000 in penalties for undelivered fuel during the strike;
- Approximately \$17 million in salaries and benefits was not paid during the strike; and,
- Taxi chits for disadvantaged general public clients amounted to over \$1 million, some of which the City is disputing.

Management has agreed with all nine recommendations in the audit.

The **Audit of the Incremental Cost of the Transit Strike** is available on the Auditor General’s Web site at www.ottawa.ca.

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