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**TIMELINE OF EVENTS RELATING TO THE FREEDOM CONVOY
SUBMITTED BY THE CITY OF OTTAWA**

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This timeline is prepared on behalf of the City of Ottawa based on a review of documents and the recollection of certain individuals. It is not intended to be an exhaustive list of all events, meetings, communications and happenings relating to the convoy. We have instead identified events that, based on the Commission's mandate and the questions posed by Commission counsel, appear to be most relevant to the inquiry. We would be pleased to provide any additional information that you may require.

| Date | Day of Week | Event | Document Reference |
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| January 21, 2022 | Tuesday | Email communication from INTERSECT advising of a planned demonstration on January 28-29, 2022 | OTT00000013 |
| January 24, 2022 | Monday | <p>Planning for the convoy is underway. The Ottawa Police Service (OPS) advises City staff responsible for traffic management that they are planning for a large-scale demonstration involving over 300 vehicles and a 3-day operational deployment from January 28 to January 30. The convoy intends to protest on the Hill, however, the vehicles may not be limited to Wellington. The Traffic Incident Management Group (TIMG) and the National Capital Regional Command Centre (NCRCC) will be mobilized.</p> <p>A duty officer call is planned for the following day to share situational awareness, monitor impacts to the City, and coordinate activities and communications.</p> <p>According to INTERSECT, the situation remains fluid. Police expect to have a more accurate picture of the anticipated impacts by the afternoon of January 26, 2022.</p> <p>An individual attends at the City on behalf of the convoy coming to Ottawa. He advises that they have no permit and will not get one, that they expect upwards of 50,000 people, and that they plan to camp out at Parliament Hill indefinitely and attempt a citizens' arrest on Prime Minister Trudeau.</p> | <p>OTT00000021 OTT00000042</p> <p>OTT00000021</p> <p>OTT00000028</p> <p>OTT00010947</p> |
| January 25, 2022 | Tuesday | The City enters into a "Monitoring" response level in relation to the convoy. The initial briefing for on-call duty officers proceeds at 1:00 pm. OPS is the lead agency and NCRCC will be activated as Area Command. The City's emergency services, ¹ traffic, transit, and the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) will be represented on the NCRCC. The City's Public Information and Media Relations (PIMR) will liaise with Police Communications, who are the communications lead. As expected, the Traffic Incident Management Group (TIMG) will be mobilized | OTT00000226 OTT00000144 |

¹ Including Ottawa Fire Services and the Ottawa Paramedic Service.

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| | | <p>The City forwards information from the President of the Ottawa Gatineau Hotel Association to the Police. According to this information, convoy participants are trying to book minimum hotel stays of 30 days to 90 days.</p> <p>Police advise that this will be a significant and extremely fluid event that could go on for a prolonged period. It is still unknown how many trucks or people will participate in the demonstration and how long they plan to stay.</p> | <p>OTT00000070</p> <p>OTT00000091</p> |
| January 26, 2022 | Wednesday | <p>1:00 pm: OPS briefs the Ottawa Police Services Board (OPSB) on their operational plans concerning the demonstrations. Three City Councillors sit on the OPSB, which is a distinct and independent statutory body.</p> <p>According to INTERSECT, the convoy has raised over \$5 million through GoFund Me. Police reiterate that the exact number of participants is not known, and that this will be a significant and extremely fluid event that could go on for a prolonged period.</p> <p>3:00 pm: Chief Sloly briefs Mayor Watson, the City Manager, and the City's General Manager for Emergency & Protective Services. The General Manager for Emergency & Protective Services advises that By-Law and Regulatory Services (BLRS) will not be enforcing or ticketing in dangerous situations. Police are in agreement.</p> <p>4:44 pm: City issues a public service announcement advising residents to plan ahead for the possibility of significant traffic and transit delays or disruption, surrounding the expected arrival of a demonstration into the downtown core of Ottawa on Saturday, January 29 and Sunday, January 30. Residents are further advised that some demonstrators may arrive as early as Friday, January 28, and that demonstrators are anticipated to arrive in the area around Parliament Hill on Saturday.</p> | <p>OTT00000220</p> <p>OTT00000259</p> <p>OTT00000090 OTT00000423</p> <p>OTT00000408</p> |
| January 27, 2022 | Thursday | <p>8:00 am: City escalates to "Enhanced Operations" response level</p> <p>Police advise that they are expecting a minimum of 800 trucks, vehicles, wagons, and tow trucks. OPS is still working with organizers for staging areas, and the situation remains fluid. The demonstration will likely cause closure of Sir John A MacDonald Parkway (SJAM), Sir George Etienne Cartier Parkway, and Sussex Drive. It is unclear when protesters are expected to leave. GoFundMe funds remain frozen, which may precipitate some to leave after Sunday. Tow companies will have operators available for BLRS to remove trucks as required.</p> | <p>OTT00000420</p> <p>OTT00001440</p> |

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| January 28, 2022 | Friday | <p>8:00 am: NCRCC activates as Area Command; Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) mobilizes. TIMG mobilizes later in the day.</p> <p>11:00 am: Joint OPS and City virtual media availability respecting the convoy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The General Manager for Emergency & Protective Services advises that there is a possibility that disruptions may extend beyond Sunday. • Acting Deputy Chief Ferguson confirms that OPS is the lead agency and has overall command of this event. She advises that OPS remains in regular contact with the many convoy organizers to understand their plan and to ensure they have information relative to safe driving routes and appropriate locations to park in the City. She says that the truck convoy will be directed to these specific areas as they arrive in Ottawa. • Acting Deputy Chief Ferguson adds that while representatives from the convoy have been cooperative and have informed police that their intentions are to hold a peaceful and lawful demonstration, OPS are aware of other groups and individuals who are likely to attend and are not associated with the main demonstration, groups who do not share the same peaceful goals. • BLRS will have officers strategically placed in the downtown core from Friday afternoon through to Monday afternoon to ensure emergency routes are maintained free and clear of any vehicles. Any vehicles left unattended will be towed immediately. • Some road closures will be put in place for public safety purposes. • According to OPS' key messages for Business Improvement Areas (BIAs), all open source information and OPS interactions with Freedom Rally organizers indicate that this will be a significant and extremely fluid event that could go on for a prolonged period. <p>2:46 pm: General Counsel for the OPS invites the City Solicitor to attend the OPS briefing of OPSB Chair Deans at 3:30 pm in case the demonstration does not end Sunday and an injunction is required. The City Solicitor is unavailable to attend on short notice.</p> <p>Convoy participants start to arrive in Ottawa. The major impacts are in the immediate area of Wellington Street (Parliament Hill) and SJAM. The early closure of SJAM for overflow of vehicles from Wellington Street results in OC Transpo detours. The City arranges for 15 portable toilet facilities to be installed on Queen Elizabeth Drive under the Laurier Avenue West overpass. By evening, a convoy arrives at Raymond Chabot Grant Thornton Park (RCGT) on Coventry Road. There are approximately 50 trucks and they set up large tents and food equipment.</p> | <p>OTT00001893 OTT00001199</p> <p>OTT00000386 OTT00000794 OTT00000795 OTT00000796 OTT00000797 OTT00000788</p> <p>OTT00010771</p> <p>OTT00000755 OTT00001895</p> |
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| January 29, 2022 | Saturday | <p>2:00 pm: City escalates to “Activated Operations”; EOC Control Group (EOCCG) mobilized</p> <p>According to INTERSECT, 3000+ vehicles were expected to arrive between 11:50 am and 2:50 pm. Speeches scheduled for Saturday are delayed to Sunday, January 30. Many of the interprovincial bridges are closed or partially closed, and bridge access remains restricted for much of the duration of the convoy. Peak attendance on Parliament Hill is close to 8,000 people. The demonstration is mostly peaceful, with no major incidents.</p> <p>The City’s General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, reports that by mid-afternoon, entry points to downtown are effectively closed or impassable, and the core is gridlocked. Vacating the downtown core will take a considerable amount of time and will very likely impact City Operations into Monday. He reports that there still remains little to no intelligence about the demobilization plans for this demonstration. The EOC continues to plan for extended operations, with the distinct possibility that the event will continue into the week.</p> <p>There are also reported incidents involving the National War Memorial and the Terry Fox statue.</p> | <p>OTT00001893</p> <p>OTT00001137</p> <p>OTT00001460 OTT00001901</p> <p>OTT00002235</p> |
| January 30, 2022 | Sunday | <p>According to the EOC report, responders experienced challenges overnight due to some small groups who were not keeping the peace. They also faced challenges maintaining road closures as some trucks created blockages and were harassing officers. There were observations of accelerant being added to the centennial flame.</p> <p>In addition, paramedic responders experienced aggression from protestors. According to INTERSECT, there was damage to a City of Ottawa heavy vehicle. The General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, advises that Ottawa Police will escort all responders, including first responders, roads operators, and heavy equipment operators (among others), who need access to the inner perimeter. Support is coordinated through a City representative in the NCRCC.</p> <p>According to the EOC report, throughout the day additional convoys enter or try to enter the downtown core. NCRCC plans to continue operations until Wednesday, February 2.</p> <p>The General Manager of Emergency & Protective Services and INTERSECT report that police are working to facilitate the departure of individuals who want to leave the area. The General Manager reports that a group of protesters appear to be staying in the City.</p> | <p>OTT00002559</p> <p>OTT00002559 OTT00001463 OTT00001898</p> <p>OTT00002559</p> <p>OTT00001914 OTT00001463</p> |

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| | | <p>Chief Sloly speaks to the City Solicitor and then to the City Manager about a possible injunction application by the City.</p> <p>Police provide the following approximate vehicle counts: 50 on Wellington, 40 on SJAM, none on Sir George-Etienne Cartier Parkway (GEC), 200 in the downtown core, and a gridlock of 400 on Kent Street.</p> | <p>OTT00002090</p> <p>OTT00002271</p> |
| January 31, 2022 | Monday | <p>According to INTERSECT, the crowds of people are small, and the crowd of trucks thinned a little overnight. Additional trucks, personal vehicles and protesters are coming into the City. OPS is not permitting incoming truckers from filling the open spaces and this is causing some flashpoints.</p> <p>11:00 am: Chief Sloly briefs City Manager, General Manager of Emergency & Protective Services and several Councillors</p> <p>The General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, reports that partners have been able to clear sections of SJAM and completely clear the GEC. As a result, OC Transpo resumes service on SJAM. Some bridges remain closed or partially closed.</p> <p>Prime Minister Trudeau speaks to Mayor Watson</p> | <p>OTT00002166</p> <p>OTT00001453</p> <p>OTT00002586</p> <p>OTT00003647</p> |
| Unknown | Unknown | The Mayor has two separate telephone calls with the Premier. He recalls that the Solicitor General participated in the second call. | |
| February 1, 2022 | Tuesday | <p>According to INTERSECT, the crowd of parked trucks thinned again overnight. OPS and OPP resources continue to address areas of tension with demonstrators. INTERSECT also notes possible convoys arriving Saturday, February 5.</p> <p>According to a report by the General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, there are signs that the remaining protesters are generally cooperative, including some headway made by Police Liaison Teams (PLTs) to restrict the use of horns overnight. Nonetheless, the situation remains fluid. Intelligence suggests there are plans for additional convoys to come to the City over the weekend. As with the prior week, details are scarce. Local hotel chains started to report increased bookings and extension of stays, but have since reported that they have started to cancel these reservations. Nevertheless, the EOC continues to work with partners, including the NCRCC to assess and plan for additional impacts. Both the EOC and the NCRCC are ensuring staffing is in place through Sunday, February 6.</p> | <p>OTT00002441</p> <p>OTT00002579</p> <p>OTT00002720</p> |

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| | | Acting Grand Chief Savanna McGregor denounces the continued actions of the protester group and does not support or endorse actions in Confederation Park by those purporting to be part of the Algonquin Nation. | OTT00002499 |
| | | Rideau Centre announces that it will remain closed until Sunday, February 6 | OTT00003447 |
| February 2, 2022 | Wednesday | <p>According to INTERSECT, the truck count in the downtown core is just under 500. OPS survey the area by drone and obtain a total number of 481 vehicles in the downtown core.² According to INTERSECT, OPP confirms 2 more convoys arriving in Ottawa on Saturday, one with tractors. Police Liaison Teams continue to work with organizers in an attempt to free up SJAM and Kent Street.</p> <p>Several Ottawa City Councillors push for the involvement of other levels of government:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillors McKenney and Fleury ask Chief Sloly whether he has requested that the RCMP assume full operational control of Parliament Hill and the Parliamentary Precinct so that OPS can be deployed into the neighbourhoods to restore peace. • Councillors McKenney and Fleury ask Mayor Watson whether he has spoken with the Prime Minister and whether he has requested that the Federal government take control of what is happening in the City. • Councillor Fleury asks Mayor Watson to consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How the government of Ontario and the local cabinet representatives can assist? ○ How the City can ensure the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada connect with the Mayor to support the City's local team and align resources and approach? ○ What the City can ask for from the Prime Minister and the Premier of Ontario to support Ottawa residents and businesses? ○ How an elected official whose communities are directly impacted can be involved, aware and share information with the Mayor, City Manager, and all authorities at all levels? <p>1:45 pm: The office of the federal Deputy Minister for Public Safety, Rob Stewart, reaches out to the City Manager. They speak at 5:30 pm.</p> | <p>OTT00002899 OTT00003496</p> <p>OTT00003039</p> <p>OTT00002779</p> <p>OTT00002990</p> |

² On January 30, Police provided the following approximate vehicle counts: 50 on Wellington, 40 on the SJAM, none on GEC, 200 in the downtown core, and a gridlock of 400 on Kent Street (OTT00002271). An INTERSECT update on February 1 similarly reports just over 200 trucks in the downtown core (OTT00002441). The expression "downtown core" appears to be used inconsistently.

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| | | <p>1:00 pm: City lawyers speak with OPS lawyers about a potential injunction application</p> <p>2:00 pm: OPS briefs Councillors and OPSB. According to the media, he says that, "The longer this goes on, the more I am convinced there may not be a police solution to this demonstration."</p> <p>GoFundMe site confirms that the campaign in support of the convoy is under review: "Under Review This fundraiser is currently paused and under review to ensure it complies with our terms of service and applicable laws and regulations. Our team is working 24/7 and doing all we can to protect both organizers and donors. Thank you for your patience."</p> <p>The City receives confirmation that an individual has been charged with uttering threats against the Mayor, including conditions that he have no contact with Mayor Watson.</p> <p>PRESS RELEASE: The Algonquins of Pikwakanagan, The Algonquin Anishinabeg Nation Tribal Council and Kitigan Zibi Anishinabeg do not support the Trucker Convoy and the Confederation Park setup on the Algonquin Nation Lands/Territory. According to INTERSECT, that consisted of five teepees being built, a sacred fire, and pipe ceremonies.</p> | <p>OTT00029640</p> <p>OTT00002740</p> <p>OTT00003230</p> <p>OTT00003145</p> <p>OTT00002954 OTT0002899</p> |
| February 3, 2022 | Thursday | <p>11:00 am: The Mayor and City Solicitors speak to GoFundMe representatives about the campaign to benefit the convoy, a day after GoFundMe speak with OPS.</p> <p>2:30 pm: Chief Sloly briefs the Mayor, City Manager and General Manager of Emergency & Protective Services.</p> <p>3:17 pm: Councillor Leiper advises Chief Sloly and the City Manager that they are not confident in the police's ability to protect Ottawa's residential neighbourhoods. In an effort to protect residents, they are going to issue a call at 6 for residents to be present on the streets of Centertown until this is over. The focus is on mutual aid and simple strength in numbers. They do not want confrontation but need an alternative to counter-protest.</p> | <p>OTT00006470 OTT00003647 OTT00003207</p> <p>OTT00003359</p> <p>OTT00003478</p> |

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| | | <p>5:15 pm: Tripartite Staff Call to which are invited Deputy Public Safety Deputy Minister Stewart, City Manager, RCMP Commissioner, Federal Deputy Minister for Transport, CSIS Director, and Chief Soly, among others³</p> <p>The Mayor speaks to Minister Mendicino. The two may have spoken on other occasions as well.</p> <p>The City requests federal protection measures for the National War Memorial.</p> <p>The General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, advises that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Protesters are constructing a small wooden structure on Queen Elizabeth Drive between the Laurier Avenue Bridge and the National Arts Centre. This is being addressed by the Police and other partners. • More convoys are expected to arrive this weekend although it is difficult to assess scale. The one convoy that has been confirmed comprises 60-70 farm vehicles, and will arrive in the City on February 4 and leave Sunday. The vehicles will be parked at the RCGT overflow site. The plan currently is to keep the perimeter intact. • Travel to and from Quebec is very challenging, with healthcare workers and patients experiencing very long commutes. This includes patients seeking chemotherapy and radiation treatments. • The EOC is working with health partners to find hotel accommodations for February 4, outside the downtown core, for a small group of higher-risk home and community care clients, whose level of care is compromised due to traffic impacts. • The NCRCC is now planning to operate until at least February 14. | <p>OTT00003647</p> <p>OTT00009778</p> <p>OTT00003927 OTT00003108</p> |
| February 4, 2022 | Friday | <p>8:35 am: City Solicitor writes to OPS General Counsel confirming his understanding that OPS does not presently require an injunction to continue to action its operational plan and requesting supporting information for a potential injunction application. He never receives a response.</p> <p>Ottawa resident Zexi Li commences a civil action against protesters.⁴</p> | OTT00029787 |

³ According to the City Manager's calendar.

⁴ The issued pleading is available on the following website: <https://ablawg.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Li-Statement-of-Claim.pdf>.

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| | | <p>The National Capital Commission (NCC) issues a letter authorizing OPS to enforce the <i>Trespass to Property Act</i> in respect of illegal camping and parking on the property of the NCC located in Confederation Park.</p> <p>OPS announce that they are their partners are implementing a surge and contain strategy. There will be approximately 150 additional uniformed and non-uniformed officers dedicated to only patrolling and addressing unlawful and threatening conduct in the most impacted neighbourhoods including: Centretown, Sandy Hill, Lowertown and the Byward Market. This includes working with City and NCR officials to prevent unlawful and unsafe use of public space by demonstrators. Police announce that they will expand and harden the perimeter of the demonstration red zone: OPS and the City will use concrete and heavy equipment barricades to create no-access roadways throughout the downtown core. Protestor vehicles will be directed to designated parking zones outside of the downtown core. Illegal parking by demonstrators will result in by-law enforcement, removal and impound. If necessary, interprovincial bridges, highway off ramps and/or roads will be closed.</p> <p>As reported in the media, Councillors McKenney, Leiper and Menard participate in Centretown safety walk.⁵</p> <p>1:15 pm: Mayor tours protest site.</p> <p>7:00 pm (approx.): GoFundMe campaign is site taken down.</p> | <p>OTT00004089</p> <p>OTT00015829</p> <p>OTT00003348</p> <p>OTT00003678</p> |
| February 5, 2022 | Saturday | <p>11:00 am: Tripartite Staff Call to which are invited Federal Public Safety Deputy Minister Stewart, National Security and Intelligence Advisor to the Prime Minister, City Manager, RCMP Commissioner, Deputy Minister for Transport, CSIS Director, and Chief Sloly, among others³</p> <p>11:15 am: NCC requests that OPS undertake the clearing of Freiman Lane, adjacent to Confederation Park, of all protesters and their vehicles as soon as possible. Among other things, the NCC notes the growing concern, from the public as well as the City of Ottawa Fire Service, that the fuel currently being stored on site represents a significant public health and safety risk. According to the General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, police advise the City that they do not have resources to clear Confederation Park.</p> | OTT00004051 |

⁵ See, for example: <https://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/horn-honking-court-injunction-extended-60-days>.

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| | | <p>2:00 pm: The hearing of the injunction motion brought by Ottawa resident Zexi Li commences but is later adjourned to Monday, February 7.</p> <p>According to INTESECT, there are an estimated 10,000 people in the downtown core, and approximately 1,000 people participating in counter-demonstrations.</p> <p>3:30 pm: Chief Sloly briefs the Mayor, City Manager and the General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services. The City Solicitor attends as well.</p> <p>4:30 pm: Special OPSB meeting⁶</p> <p>The General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, reports that about 13 convoys arrived today, and unfortunately, they refused to park in the designated overflow spaces. Instead, they came into the City. Three higher-risk home and community care clients were successfully relocated out of the downtown core and into alternate living arrangements. Only three of the 14 clients identified in this category decided to move out. Traffic issues resulted in significant delays to patient care in hospitals. Hospitals are following up to re-book missed appointments. Finally, he confirms that the structure erected in Confederation Park, which had been functioning as a kitchen, has now been pulled off the site.</p> | <p>OTT00004035</p> <p>OTT00004293</p> <p>OTT00004091</p> <p>OTT00004707</p> |
| February 6, 2022 | Sunday | <p>Ottawa Mayor declares municipal state of emergency.</p> <p>OPS states that overnight, demonstrators exhibited extremely disruptive and unlawful behaviour, which presented risks to public safety and unacceptable distress for Ottawa residents. Public Order Units managed a large unlawful crowd at Rideau/Sussex at 12:30 am. OPS advises that there are 500 vehicles in the red zone.</p> <p>NCC completes fencing off the perimeter of Confederation Park and OPS' operation to clear Freiman Lane proceeds peacefully without incident. Police will continually monitor and NCC works at hardening the fence after reports of people opening up the fence panels to gain access.</p> <p>11:00 am: Tripartite Staff Call involving Deputy Public Safety Minister, National Security and Intelligence Advisor to the Prime Minister, RCMP Commissioner, Deputy Transport Minister, Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet (Emergency Preparedness and COVID</p> | <p>OTT00004231</p> <p>OTT00004254</p> <p>OTT00004120</p> <p>OTT00010463</p> |

⁶ The schedule of OPSB meetings is available on their website: <https://ottawapoliceboard.ca/opsb-cspo/meetings.html>.

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| | | <p>Recovery), CSIS Director, Chief Sloly, OPP Commissioner, Deputy Solicitor General, Deputy Transportation Minister, and City Manager, among others</p> <p>4:00 pm: Mayor meets with groups of Councillors to discuss municipal measures.</p> <p>4:07 pm: OPS provides the Mayor and OPSB Chair Deans the list of Police asks to the Federal, Provincial and Municipal levels of government that was requested a day earlier by the OPSB. This includes 1,800 additional staffing and enforcement resources. Chief Sloly requests a meeting as soon as possible.</p> <p>5:15 pm: Chief Sloly meets with the Mayor and Chair Deans. Chief Sloly advises he needs 1800 additional officers.</p> <p>The General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, reports there has been a pivot towards increased enforcement activities with notice given by police that anyone attempting to bring material supports (e.g., gas) to the demonstrators could be subject to arrest. BLRS is also working with Police to increase ticketing for infractions such as illegally parked vehicles in and around the downtown core. He reports that there are on-going attempts by the protesters to set up staging areas/encampments at different locations. The wooden structure by Confederation Park was unfortunately moved back overnight and had to be taken away by police and other partners this afternoon. Fencing has now been installed around Confederation Park. Some protesters also tried to establish small encampments at the Sandy Hill Community Centre and at Tunney's Pasture. The groups were moved out from both locations and will be prevented from returning. Finally, he reports that enforcement activities have also commenced at RCGT Park, with Police, Ottawa Fire Services, and BLRS working together to remove containers of fuel that are being stored there illegally. According to the EOC Operations Group meeting minutes from earlier in the day (OTT00004125), the number of vehicles at RCGT Park site doubled that morning to approximately 200 vehicles. The Rideau Centre will remain closed until further notice.</p> <p>The 5 remaining portable toilets under the highway overpass at Laurier Avenue West are removed and will not be returned.</p> | <p>OTT00004263 OTT00018136</p> <p>OTT00018172</p> <p>OTT00029539</p> <p>OTT00005003</p> <p>OTT00005767</p> |
| February 7, 2022 | Monday | <p>Mayor Watson and Chair Deans send letters requesting additional resources to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prime Minister Trudeau and Public Safety Minister Mendicino • Premier Ford and Solicitor General Jones | <p>OTT00006057 OTT00005513</p> |

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| | | <p>10:00 am: Chief Sloly meets with City Manager and others³</p> <p>11:00 am: Tripartite Staff Call including, among others, Chief Sloly, City Manager, Public Safety Deputy Minister, Federal Deputy Minister of Transport, Provincial Deputy Minister of Transportation, and Deputy Solicitor General for Ontario</p> <p>1:00 pm: Special Council Meeting. The following motions are carried:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That the Mayor call on both the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada to immediately provide all necessary financial and logistical supports required to bring this occupation to a peaceful end. • That the Mayor make a formal request to both the Provincial and Federal Governments for funding supports for Ottawa businesses and their employees impacted by the occupation. • That the Mayor make a formal request to both the Provincial and Federal Governments for funding to support community social support agencies impacted by the occupation. • That the Mayor write to the Ontario Premier to proclaim in force Schedule 1 of the <i>Comprehensive Ontario Police Services Act, 2019</i> to allow the OPSB and the Solicitor General of Ontario to charge those persons responsible for causing a temporary increase in the cost of providing adequate and effective policing in the City of Ottawa, those increased costs. • That the Idling By-law be amended to reduce the applicable temperature outside the vehicle within the demonstration zone. • That the EOC organize a daily media availability for the duration of the truck convoy demonstrations, including participation from a spokesperson from OPS, BLRS, and other affected City services as relevant. • That Council formally petition the Government of Canada to assume responsibility for public safety and security within the Parliamentary Precinct. • That staff in BLRS consider making an application for set fine increases for certain offences. • That Council support City Staff to tow vehicles illegally occupying residential areas, and that staff advise Council daily on the status of enforcement activities, including number of vehicles towed, and numbers and nature of tickets issued. • That the City commission an independent evaluation of the response to the occupation, seek funding from the Government of Canada for this review; and request that the OPSB participate. • That Council unequivocally condemn the racism, antisemitism and discrimination respectively experienced by the Black, Jewish, Muslim, racialized and members of | <p>OTT00010462</p> <p>OTT00006610</p> |
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| | | <p>the Two-Spirit, lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex (2SLGBTQI+) communities during the illegal occupation in the strongest of terms.</p> <p>The Mayor later sends letters to the Prime Minister and the Premier consistent with the above motions.</p> <p>1:23 pm: Chief Sloly emails the Mayor his requirements for 1,790 additional officers</p> <p>Mayor Watson speaks to Prime Minister Trudeau</p> <p>Joint Statement from Ministers Blair, Leblanc, Fortier, Mendicino and Alghabra:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Since the beginning, the federal government has been there to support the City of Ottawa and the Ottawa Police Service. This began with coordination and logistical support before the convoy arrived in Ottawa. Over the past 10 days, Ministers Mendicino, Blair, Alghabra, LeBlanc, Fortier and others have been in close contact with Mayor Watson, as well as an array of other municipal and provincial officials to hear directly about what they need and respond accordingly. • Minister Alghabra will also be meeting with his Ontario counterpart shortly, and will ask that they work with insurance companies to explore consequences for trucks parked illegally on the streets of Ottawa. • As in any Canadian city, the municipal government and local police are leading the management of the situation, with the federal and provincial governments supporting them and offering assistance as requested. While governments write laws, police enforce them and operational decisions are taken by the police, independent of the government. • To ensure continued close cooperation among all levels of government and formalize the discussions already taking place, we are convening a table with relevant federal and municipal partners to further strengthen our response to this situation. • As the situation has unfolded, the RCMP has approved successive requests from the City and OPS for additional resources. Most importantly, this includes a request for more officers last Thursday and another one over the weekend. The RCMP has mobilized resources and in total, nearly 300 RCMP officers are under the command of the OPS – as well as tactical police troops, joint intelligence & operational teams and community liaison teams. The RCMP remains in close touch with OPS, and stands ready to provide further assistance. <p>Zexi Li obtains interim injunction to restrain air horns and train horns</p> | <p>OTT00005223</p> <p>OTT00004774</p> <p>OTT00005468</p> |
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| | | 5:15 pm: First Tripartite Meeting to which are invited Public Safety Minister Mendicino, Deputy Public Safety Minister, National Security and Intelligence Advisor to the Prime Minister, and City Manager, among others ³ | |
| February 8, 2022 | Tuesday | <p>8:00 am: City Manager speaks to Deputy Public Safety Minister.³</p> <p>12:00 pm: Tripartite Staff Call involving Chief Sloly, City Manager, Deputy Public Safety Minister, Deputy Transport Minister, and National Security and Intelligence Advisor to the Prime Minister, among others. According to notes taken by Ottawa's General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, it is noted that there have been no horns since yesterday at noon.</p> <p>At the request of OPS, the City Manager meets with protester Tom Marazzo and two lawyers, Keith Wilson and Eva Chipiuk.</p> <p>Police report that protestors are attempting to distract officers by filling fuel cans with water, and that when they try to seize fuel, officers are swarmed by protesters. The General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, reports that so far, 4,500 litres have been seized.</p> <p>4:15 pm: Second Tripartite Meeting involving Emergency Preparedness Minister Blair, Public Safety Minister Mendicino, Chief Sloly, Mayor Watson, Deputy Public Safety Minister, Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet (Emergency Preparedness and COVID Recovery), and the City Manager, among others.</p> <p>The General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, reports that between January 28 and February 6, the City received over 500 noise complaint service requests. The Ottawa Hospital is reporting that the noise and overall conditions in the downtown core are resulting in an uptick in mental health concerns being reported, with a number of veterans reporting post-traumatic stress disorder triggers. The EOC has coordinated a meeting Wednesday, February 9, with the Human Needs Task Force, Ottawa Public Health and other partners to discuss whether more support on the ground is necessary to complete broader outreach to the communities impacted by the demonstrations.</p> <p>9:40 pm: Federal Public Safety Deputy Minister Rob Stewart asks Chief Sloly for the numbers and types of officers he is requesting.</p> | <p>OTT00010462</p> <p>OTT00005408 OTT00020824</p> <p>OTT00010462</p> <p>OTT00005894</p> <p>OTT00005854</p> |

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| | | According to the Ottawa Citizen, Convoy leader Pat King says during a livestream, "It's game on, boys. Blow those horns. Let them go. Let them fire as loud as you can." ⁷ | |
| February 9, 2022 | Wednesday | <p>The Chief of Staff to the federal Minister of Public Safety advises Councillor Luloff that Premier Ford has changed his mind and that the province will not join the tripartite meetings. He advises that the Solicitor General has left the door open, if only a crack, and wants to talk to the Mayor and then discuss with her staff.</p> <p>10:00 am: Regular Council meeting Council passes the following motions relevant to the convoy:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All committees cancelled until February 18, with the exception of the Planning Committee meeting on February 10, 2022 to consider only one specific matter • The City Solicitor to review the possibility of pursuing an injunction on fire hazards such as open flames and use of jerry cans, as well as idling, and advise Council of his findings as well as any other potential options going forward at the earliest opportunity. <p>Council also amends the Idling by-law to reduce the applicable temperature in the demonstration areas.</p> <p>11:00 am: Chief Sloly updates the Mayor, OPSB Chair Deans and the City Manager.</p> <p>City application to increase the set fine to \$1,000 for specific by-law violations is approved. The City submits the same request for an increase in the set fine for a violation of the Idling Control By-law (2007-266), as amended, after Council reduces the applicable temperature in the demonstration areas.</p> <p>3:30 pm: The Mayor and City Manager speak with the Solicitor General.³</p> <p>The General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, reports that roads staff, as well as Ottawa Fire Services, supported Police in the removal of a small encampment that had been set up on private property on Metcalfe Street, near Slater Street.</p> | <p>OTT00010529</p> <p>OTT00005759</p> <p>OTT00005770</p> <p>OTT00006026</p> <p>OTT00024225- OTT00024228 OTT00024230- OTT00024241</p> <p>OTT00005752</p> |
| February 10, 2022 | Thursday | 9:44 am: OPS sends Public Safety Deputy Minister Rob Stewart a breakdown of sworn and civilian resources required | OTT00006253 |

⁷ Blair Crawford, "Horn-honking court injunction extended 60 days", available here: <https://ottawacitizen.com/news/local-news/horn-honking-court-injunction-extended-60-days>.

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| | | <p>EOC advises that City staff should only be working within the perimeter when necessary to do so, and should be working with the EOC to coordinate Police support.</p> <p>12:15 pm: Third Tripartite Meeting involving, among others, Public Safety Minister, Emergency Preparedness Minister, Deputy Public Safety Minister and City Manager</p> <p>2:24 pm: The City receives a response from the Solicitor General, indicating that the City's request for resources has been shared with the OPP Commissioner</p> <p>3:00 pm: Meeting to which are invited Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet (Emergency Preparedness and COVID Recovery), Solicitor General, Deputy Solicitor General, National Security and Intelligence Advisor to the Prime Minister, Public Safety Minister, Deputy Public Safety Minister, Mayor Watson, and City Manager, among others³</p> <p>3:30 pm: <i>in camera</i> OPSB briefing⁶</p> <p>Chief Sloyly welcomes the RCMP's commitment earlier today of additional officers. He announces that over the last 24 hours, Police have worked to reduce the footprint of the occupation through a combination of negotiation and enforcement. Police negotiated the departure of 12 trucks from the Coventry Road encampment, and 10 trucks from the downtown core. Police estimate that approximately 25% of heavy vehicles are being used to house families with children, and they are consulting with the Children's Aid Society.</p> <p>The General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, reports that there continues to be a small encampment of vehicles at 1500 Bronson Avenue.</p> <p>The City's application to increase the set fine for certain violations of the Idling by-law to \$1,000 is approved.</p> <p>The Mayor receives a call from Dean French and puts him in touch his Chief of Staff.⁸</p> | <p>OTT00006005</p> <p>OTT00010462</p> <p>OTT00006170</p> <p>OTT00006035 OTT00006036</p> <p>OTT00006664</p> <p>OTT00024225</p> |
| February 11, 2022 | Friday | <p>Ontario declares a state of emergency.</p> <p>City files its application for an injunction.</p> | OTT00010005 |

⁸ The Mayor believes the initial call occurred on this date.

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| | | <p>The Chief of Staff to the Minister of Public Safety informs the Mayor's Chief of Staff that the RCMP have committed approximately 250 officers per day. This number does not correspond with the number of RCMP officers that OPS advises it has under its command.</p> <p>Chief Sloly briefs the Mayor, City Manager and Councillors McKenney and Fleury.</p> <p>3:00 pm: Special OPSB meeting⁶</p> <p>The General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, reports that evidence of external influence persists. The Ottawa Hospital has received some disturbing calls, mostly from the United States, which have been reported to Police. PIMR has paused public comments on the City of Ottawa's corporate Facebook and Instagram accounts for the duration of the City's State of Emergency due to an apparent coordinated effort to spam the City's feed with hateful or toxic comments (including racist comments), or misinformation and rumours.</p> <p>The Chief of Staff to the Public Safety Minister informs the Mayor's Chief of Staff that Chief Sloly has yet to sign off on the "Integrated Planning Cell's" plan.</p> | <p>OTT00010021- OTT00010025⁹</p> <p>OTT00006262¹⁰</p> <p>OTT00006781</p> <p>OTT00010027- OTT00010028</p> |
| February 12, 2022 | Saturday | <p>Councillor Luloff advises the Chief of Staff to the Emergency Preparedness Minister that he has asked the City Clerk to draft a motion to formally request the Solicitor General of Ontario to invoke s. 275 of the <i>National Defence Act</i> and that he has a majority to support it.</p> <p>The General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, reports that due to the size of the crowd, as well as reports from partners of more aggressive behaviour on the part of protesters (such as attempts to swarm vehicles), BLRS paused some of its enforcement work in the perimeter. The fencing that had been installed around the National War Memorial is removed by protesters. Ottawa Police, the NCRCC and other partners are determining whether new fencing should be installed. Finally, OPS reports that officers were deployed to downtown school neighbourhoods the day before in response to reports of demonstrators harassing children.</p> <p>OPS reports that the Integrated Command Centre has been established. There are over 4,000 demonstrators present throughout the day. Safety concerns, arising from aggressive, illegal behaviour by many demonstrators limited Police enforcement capabilities. OPS</p> | <p>OTT00010527</p> <p>OTT00024988</p> <p>OTT00006993</p> |

⁹ The text exchanges continues on February 12, 2022.

¹⁰ The meeting is discussed in this email exchange, and based on the City Manager's calendar, we believe it proceeded on Friday, February 11 at 12:00 pm.

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| | | <p>reports that one 300-vehicle convoy one and two 20-kilometer long car convoys from Quebec were safely managed. A fuel transport into the downtown core was intercepted.</p> <p>The General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, reports that all vehicles, portable toilets, tents, and debris left by the encampment at 1500 Bronson have now been removed.</p> <p>Following exchanges between the Mayor's Chief of Staff and Mr. French, Mayor Watson and Tamara Lich exchange letters dated February 12, 2022 confirming an agreement in principle to remove trucks from the residential neighbourhoods.</p> | <p>OTT00006813</p> <p>OTT00006964 OTT00006965</p> |
| February 13, 2022 | Sunday | <p>According to social media posts, the RA Centre closes after being identified as an unsanctioned staging location.</p> <p>12:00 pm: Chief Sloyly meets with City Manager and others. They discuss the negotiations between the Mayor's office and some of the protesters.</p> <p>1:44 pm: City Manager sends correspondence between the Mayor and Ms. Lich to Chief Sloyly.</p> <p>3:23 pm: Mayor's office sends Members of Council correspondence between the Mayor and Ms. Lich.</p> <p>The City Manager, General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, and OPS Superintendent Drummond meet with protesters to negotiate logistics for moving trucks.</p> <p>The General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, reports that today's crowd sizes were a bit smaller. However, the agitation of the remaining protesters remains high. The People's Party of Canada held a family breakfast barbecue on Wellington Street, near the Terry Fox statue – raising the concern of more children present in the red zone. Protester convoys – made up of 40 smaller personal vehicles – moved out from both the Canadian Tire Centre and Coventry Road towards the downtown core but were met with some resistance by counter-protests and were intercepted by OPS. Counter-protests occurred at a number of locations, such as at Riverside Drive at the Bank Street intersection and in front of 474 Elgin Street, by Catherine and Elgin streets. According to the EOC Operations Group meeting minutes, at its peak, there were approximately 1,000 counter-demonstrators at Bank and Riverside. City and contracted staff working for Roads Services were able to salt in most of parts of the downtown core on Saturday. With security support from NCRCC, they salted the busier sections of the red zone between 2 and 6 am this morning.</p> | <p>OTT00006111</p> <p>OTT00010464</p> <p>OTT00006985</p> <p>OTT00006963</p> <p>OTT00026046 OTT00007217 OTT00007054</p> |

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| February 14, 2022 | Monday | <p>Federal government issues declaration of a public order emergency</p> <p>12:00 City application for injunction heard and granted.</p> <p>3:49 pm: The Chief of Staff to the Acting Director of the Parliamentary Protective Service (PPS) reaches out to the Mayor's office to request an urgent meeting.</p> <p>7:18 pm: The Acting Director of the PPS emails the City Manager to set up a call and express concern regarding the City of Ottawa's recent decision, which lead to Wellington being turned into a parking lot of 200 plus trucks. They arrange to speak at 9:30 am on February 15, but the call does not end up proceeding.</p> <p>The General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, reports that Ottawa Police are currently estimating that about 30 bobtails (semi-truck without the trailer attached) and three vehicles were moved onto Wellington Street. A small number of vehicles are estimated to have moved out of the downtown core entirely.</p> | <p>OTT00006725 OTT00028978</p> <p>OTT00007120</p> <p>OTT00007480 OTT00007378</p> <p>OTT00007275</p> |
| February 15, 2022 | Tuesday | <p>10:30 am: Special <i>in camera</i> OPSB meeting⁶</p> <p>2:30 pm: Special OPSB meeting⁶</p> <p>The OPSB and Chief Sloy reach a mutually agreed upon separation. Deputy Chief Steve Bell is the Interim Chief until further notice.</p> <p>The General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, reports that a handful of trucks exited the downtown core today, contributing to the continued reduction of the overall vehicle footprint in residential streets. Police estimate that approximately 360 vehicles remain within the perimeter.</p> | <p>OTT00029698</p> <p>OTT00007811</p> |
| February 16, 2022 | Wednesday | <p>9:40 am: Acting Chief Bell updates the Mayor and City Manager⁶</p> <p>Mayor speaks to Chair Deans respecting the Ottawa Police Chief</p> <p>The Court extends the interim injunction obtained by Zexi Li for 60 days. The Ottawa Citizen reports that the horns quieted down after the interim injunction issued but then started honking again. Ms. Li's lawyer assured the Court that they would take additional steps to</p> | <p>OTT00010554</p> |

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| | | <p>enforce the order, including through appropriate contempt proceedings. The Court declined to order the Sheriff of the City of Ottawa to enforce the injunction.¹¹</p> <p>4:00 pm: Special Council meeting. Council adopts a motion replacing Chair Deans with Councillor El-Chantiry as the new Chair of the OPSB, appointing Suzanne Valiquet to replace Sandy Smallwood (who has resigned), and appointing Councillor Leiper to replace Councillor King (who has resigned). Councillor Meehan announces her resignation from the OPSB during the Council meeting. Council passes a number of other motions relating to the convoy, including to direct the General Manager of Public Works to work in collaboration with affected Ward Councillors to close roads to diminish the volume of motor vehicles able to access the downtown core on February 19-21, following review with OPS.</p> <p>Police announce that the enhanced ICC under a Unified Command has developed a clear and actionable plan to bring about a safe and peaceful end to the unlawful protests underway in downtown Ottawa. As the police of jurisdiction, the OPS remains the lead of this operation to return Ottawa to a state of normalcy.</p> <p>According to media reports, Police start handing out notices to convoy participants instructing them to leave the area now and citing the federal <i>Emergencies Act</i>.¹²</p> | <p>OTT00007971</p> <p>OTT00007705</p> |
| February 17, 2022 | Thursday | <p>The Children's Aid Society of Ontario (CASO) requests the City's assistance in finding a location that can be used in the event the foster care system cannot care for all of the children needing care. The total estimate for children potentially needing care is 100. CASO has secured space in foster homes for 25. The City secures the Heron Road facility. CASO also requests mental health supports for the children through Kids Come First and CHEO.</p> <p>1:00 pm: Special OPSB meeting⁶</p> <p>3:00 pm: Special OPSB <i>in camera</i> meeting⁶</p> | <p>OTT00008083</p> <p>OTT00007929</p> |

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¹² See, for example: <https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/focused-on-getting-this-job-done-ottawa-police-prepared-to-end-convoy-occupation-1.5783044>.

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| | | 3:30 pm: OPS, OPP and RCMP hold a joint press conference and advise that action is imminent | OTT00007930 |
| February 18-21, 2022 | Friday-Monday | <p>Police operation to clear convoy</p> <p>The General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services, reports that police operations commenced on February 18 at approximately 7:30 am under the direction of the unified command in control of policing in Ottawa.</p> <p>On February 21, CHEO received a false bomb threat in the evening. While false calls to 911 have been reduced, there are indications that outside interference persists.</p> <p>Between January 28 and February 22, 2022, BLRS advises that they issued a total of 3,182 parking tickets. The primary goal of parking enforcement within the perimeter of the demonstration was to ensure that emergency lanes were clear, and the flow of traffic was maintained. Tickets were issued accordingly, with the exception of roads not within the jurisdiction of the City of Ottawa, such as the Queen Elizabeth Driveway. By-law officers were not assigned for any enforcement in the red zone or requested to assist OPS until February 4, 2022. Because this was a Police-led response and due to safety concerns, By-law enforcement officers were only deployed within the red zone or with the Police-led Quick Response Team when requested by OPS through the NCRCC. Enforcement occurred when requested by OPS or when it was safe to enforce, as By-law officers required a police escort to take enforcement action.</p> | <p>OTT00008438</p> <p>OTT00008700</p> |
| February 23, 2022 | Wednesday | <p>Federal declaration of emergency revoked.</p> <p>10:00 am: City Council meeting. Council passes a wide array of motions to help businesses and employees in neighbourhoods affected by the convoy, including property tax deferral, no-fare transit and parking, support for business districts impacted by the convoy, and other measures.</p> <p>OPS advise that as per the City of Ottawa Roads Department, current road conditions in the area bound by Laurier, Bronson, Rideau Canal and the Ottawa River (previously known as the secured area) are unsafe. The area is restricted to local traffic only. Police officers stationed at the observation points notify local residents of unsafe conditions such as barriers, ice, snow, etc. To manage any potential illegal truck blockades, Police implement rolling temporary off-ramp closures across the city tonight. Police ask all officers stationed at observation points to remain vigilant to identify any illegal activities and intervene based</p> | <p>OTT00009022</p> <p>OTT00009332</p> |

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| | | on their authorities as a police officer as found in the <i>Highway Traffic Act</i> and the <i>Criminal Code</i> . City crews work through the night to begin to remove some of the infrastructure that was in place to block the unlawful demonstration and clean streets. | |
| February 24, 2022 | Thursday | <p>Termination of Ottawa’s declaration of emergency; return to “Monitoring” response level</p> <p>9:00 am: OPSB meeting⁶</p> <p>The General Manager, Emergency & Protective Services reports that the Public Works Department (PWD) and Infrastructure and Water Services Department (IWSD) are working together to conduct safety inspections, particularly for those downtown streets where heavy vehicles had been parked during the protest and that had been used as encampments. The inspections include above ground and below ground infrastructure (buildings, streets, sidewalks, street furniture, bus shelters etc.), as well as catch basins, manholes, valves and hydrants, to identify any signs of damage. All litter and debris left by the protesters will be cleared by tomorrow. Roads crews are also continuing to perform snow removal and salting operations. The last step, as part of the City’s efforts to restore the downtown core, is to remove the hundreds of barriers that were used to block off streets. This is a big operation that requires the use of heavy equipment and will take several days to complete. OC Transpo is working closely with the EOC to quickly restore bus services as streets are re-opened.</p> | <p>OTT00009446</p> <p>OTT00009235</p> <p>OTT00009446</p> |
| February 25, 2022 | Friday | <p>The City continues to clear litter and debris left by the protesters. Sixteen 25-cubic meter waste bins have been filled so far. The City also ensured that any fuel left behind by the protesters was safely collected and disposed of. Roads crews continue to remove snow and salt roads in the areas that they could not previously access. The last step will be to remove barriers.</p> <p>Pursuant to the Council motion carried on February 16, Ottawa Mayor sends letter to Premier Ford to request that the Province of Ontario consider that the individuals involved in the illegal occupation should not qualify for the Ontario Staycation Tax Credit, since the application of such a tax credit would financially benefit individuals who have participated in the illegal occupation.</p> | <p>OTT00009419</p> <p>OTT00009667</p> |
| March 1, 2022 | Tuesday | Ottawa Mayor and OPSB Chair El-Chantiry send a letter to the Prime Minister to thank the Government of Canada for declaring a Public Order Emergency under the federal <i>Emergencies Act</i> to assist with the restoration of public safety and security within the Parliamentary Precinct and the City of Ottawa. | <p>OTT00009763</p> <p>OTT00009764</p> |

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| March 2, 2022 | Wednesday | Return to normal City operations in relation to the convoy | OTT00009864 |