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NOTICE OF MOTION
TORONTO CITY COUNCIL
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Re: Sole Source Contract for New Subway Cars for Toronto Transit Commission

Moved by: Councillor Michael Walker

Seconded by: Councillor Michael Thompson

WHEREAS, the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) is advancing the signing of a sole source contract with Bombardier for the acquisition of 234 new subway cars in 6-car configuration; and

WHEREAS, the sole source contract with Bombardier is to be signed in October 2006; and

WHEREAS, Bombardier provided the TTC with a quote of \$705 million to fulfill its contract for 234 new subway cars; and

WHEREAS, another company, Siemens, has provided an estimate of \$535 million to fulfill the same contract; and

WHEREAS, it is City Council's policy and fiduciary responsibility to put any contract out for public tender if the purchase can be acquired from more than one company; and

WHEREAS, Bombardier is not the only company that has operations in Ontario; and

WHEREAS, Bombardier is not the only company that has unionized employees; and

WHEREAS, recently, Siemens beat Bombardier in a competitive bid for a contract to retrofit the propulsion system of TTC streetcars and also won the competitive bid to provide Ottawa's \$1.1 Billion ring- road system; and

WHEREAS, there is not a provincial requirement that forces the City or the TTC to purchase transit cars from Bombardier as has been stated by the TTC and the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, the City's purchasing policy does not favour unionized over non-unionized companies; and

WHEREAS, the necessary justifications have not been made to rationalize a sole sourcing of this contract worth over \$700 million; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Toronto City Council petition the Toronto Transit Commission to cancel the sole source process underway and to publicly tender for competitive bids the purchase of new subway cars.