

Bombardier Bid For TTC Subway Cars "Fair and Reasonable"

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It will cost the City of Toronto \$710 million to outfit the TTC with 234 new subway cars from Bombardier Inc., \$45 million less than what they had budgeted, but more than what rival Siemens said it would charge.

Backed by the conclusions of two outside transit experts that the deal is "fair and reasonable," TTC staff have recommended accepting Bombardier's offer to build 234 subway cars for a base price of \$499.3-million. With other contract-related costs, the overall Bombardier price rises to \$674.7-million. The price tag will reach \$710 million with the inclusion of the TTC's own costs.

TTC commissioner Joe Mihevc said the low price and the strong backing from the independent firms who evaluated the price should "shut up the critics." One of those critics, Councillor Karen Stintz, said the entire sole-source process should have been stopped months ago and opened up to all bidders. "We'll never know if we have a competitive bid because it was never put out to competitive process," Stintz said. "The issue was never about Bombardier."

The issue is about having a competitive bid, which the consultants said it was, and keeping jobs in Ontario, which the project will do. Thunder Bay Mayor Lynn Peterson said if Bombardier is successful, it would translate into 2,400 direct and indirect jobs in the next five years.

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