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Councillor:

Thanks for your email. I can tell you that, to date, there have been no formal talks between BAI and Bell Mobility. I'd add that we've been very clear from the start of the TTC RFP process that Bell Mobility is in the business of building and running the best networks in the world. Our network is our product and we have no intention of compromising that.

As you mentioned, last month the *Société de transport de Montréal* (STM), which operates that city's subway, announced that it is partnering with Bell, Rogers, TELUS and Videotron to deploy a leading-edge mobile network. The estimated \$50 million cost of deployment will be shared equally by the four wireless providers. Once completed, Montréal subway riders will be able to browse the Web, stream video, download music, make and receive calls, text and more, using the latest 4G LTE (Long-Term Evolution) technology, in trains, tunnels and stations. This will make Montréal one of the few cities in the world to have a 4G LTE mobile underground network in its subway.

Bell, Rogers, TELUS and Videotron are partnering with STM to put their significant technological expertise to work for the benefit of all our customers. Construction of the network will take 5-7 years, with installation expected to begin by the end of 2013 at two stations on the Metro's green line, Sain t-Laurent and Place-des-Arts.

We are very proud to be working together as an industry to bring this world-leading system to Montréal. In fact, Bell's prior proposal to the TTC was designed to efficiently and quickly meet the demands of TTC ridership to enjoy wireless services on their daily commutes. Since then, demand for mobile broadband, and especially mobile TV, has soared. In the past year alone, Bell Mobility has seen our Mobile TV customer numbers grow to over 1 million subscribers. Ensuring the quality of their experience on our world class networks remains paramount.

I would be happy to further discuss our industry with you at any time.

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From: Karen Stintz [mailto:kstintz@toronto.ca]
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Simon:

I recently learned that Bell, in partnership with other mobility carriers, is implementing wireless capability in the metro in Montreal.

As you are aware, Broadcast Australia is responsible for implementing wireless capability within the TTC subway network and I am unclear how much progress is being made in that regard. I will be asking Broadcast Australia for an update at the next TTC meeting, but I would also like to have an update from Bell on any communications that have taken place with Broadcast Australia with respect to this project and impediments, if any, in partnering with Broadcast Australia in the delivery of wireless capability in the subway.

I am very committed to delivering this service to TTC riders.

I look forward to your update.

Yours truly,

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