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Ignatieff welcomes end to Ottawa transit strike

OTTAWA- Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff today welcomed the resolution of the Ottawa transit strike.

“I am pleased to see that both parties have come to an agreement to end the OC Transpo strike,” said Mr. Ignatieff. “The resolution of this dispute is welcome news both to drivers who can get back to work and to the people of Ottawa who rely on public transit.”

“The transit strike has been difficult for all Ottawa–area residents, but the most vulnerable citizens have paid the biggest price over the past two months,” added Liberal Labour Critic Maria Minna.

The City of Ottawa and the Amalgamated Transit Union reached a tentative deal late today, putting an end to the 51-day bus strike which has paralysed the National Capital Region since last December.

Mr. Ignatieff commended Ottawa MPs Mauril Bélanger and David McGuinty, and Hull-Aylmer MP Marcel Proulx, for their leadership in being the first to raise this matter in the House of Commons. The MPs also called for an emergency debate, which was to have taken place in the House this evening, and which may have acted as a catalyst to resolve the ongoing labour dispute.

“The actions of my colleagues over the past weeks is a clear example of Parliamentarians working together to deliver real results for Canadians,” Mr. Ignatieff said.

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