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Now that the cost of the City staff's preferred route looks about to double, maybe the "too expensive" Carling route can come back on the table for serious evaluation, unlike the previous cursory dismissal. Unlike Richmond, Carling can manage and would greatly benefit from the intensification that the LRT could bring. Also, on Carling, intensification could include commercial and offices, bringing jobs closer to where people live.

Part of the success of systems like the Toronto Subway is that new businesses and services locate around stations, encouraging employment growth across the urban area instead of concentrating it all downtown. Over time, more and more Barrhaven commuters may end up only commuting as far as Lincoln Fields, Carlingwood, or Westgate.

Thanks to the NCC, the City has one more chance to get it right.

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