

Maguire's rail plan 'makes no sense': Ecology Ottawa

When the executive director of Ecology Ottawa saw Maguire's alternative plan, he said he initially thought it was a joke.

Graham Saul has spent countless hours working with the City of Ottawa to gain consensus from the public and governments on Phase 2 of the LRT plan.

He said it "makes no sense whatsoever" to go back to the drawing board this late in the game.

"We have spent years planning, thousands of hours in public consultations and millions of dollars of environmental assessments to get consensus around Phase 2 of the plan, and this basically throws that out the window in the interest of starting again," Saul told Metro. "This proposal will set us back five years and tens of millions of dollars."

While he agrees that Phase 2 isn't perfect, he said rather than "doing a hatchet job" on the entire plan and proposing alternatives that would take years to study, Ottawa should build on the existing light rail plan.

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Ecology Ottawa executive director Graham Saul is seen speaking at the group's 2013 gala dinner. [ECOLOGYOttawa.ca](http://ecologyottawa.ca)

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