



Hamilton

Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee Minutes 16-005

9:30 a.m.

**Tuesday, November 29, 2016
Council Chambers, City Hall
71 Main Street West**

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger
Councillor J. Farr (Chair)
Councillors A. Johnson (Vice Chair), M. Green, S. Merulla,
T. Whitehead and L. Ferguson

Advisors Present: G. Arbeau (McMaster University)
S. Braithwaite (International Village BIA)
K. Jarvi (Downtown BIA)
A. Kersten (Flamborough Chamber of Commerce)
K. Loomis (Hamilton Chamber of Commerce)
S. Mammel (Hamilton Halton Homebuilders)
A. Strub (Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce)

Advisors Absent with Regrets: M. Platts (Realtors Association of Hamilton and Burlington)

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:

- 1. Light Rail Transit (LRT) Risk Assessment Update (AUD16025) (City Wide) (Item 5.3)**

(Merulla/Green)

That Report AUD16025 respecting a Light Rail Transit (LRT) Risk Assessment Update, be received.

CARRIED

2. **Review of Toronto Light Rail Transit (LRT) Projects Operating and Maintenance Terms (PED16229) (City Wide) (Item 5.4)**

(Green/Eisenberger)

That Report PED16229 respecting a Review of the Toronto Light Rail Transit (LRT) Projects Operating and Maintenance Terms, be received.

CARRIED

3. **Dedicated Staffing for Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Projects Operating and Maintenance Terms (PED16229) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)**

(Eisenberger/Merulla)

That the dedicated staffing and support positions listed in "Appendix A" to Report PED16210 be approved, conditional on Metrolinx funding approval and a zero net levy impact to the City.

CARRIED

4. **Two-Way Option for Main Street (Added Item 9.2)**

(Farr/Eisenberger)

That the following motion be referred to a future meeting of the General Issues Committee:

WHEREAS; it may be desirable to better understand the impacts of a 2-Way Main Street as it relates to existing traffic patterns and the introduction of LRT,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff from Public Works and the LRT office be requested to examine a 2-Way Main Street option as part of the current Transportation Master Plan Review and LRT Traffic Modelling Study and report back to the LRT Sub-Committee.

Main Motion as Amended CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

1. ADDED DELEGATION REQUEST

4.2 John McGreal respecting Concerns about the Transit Hub at 55 Queenston Road (for today's meeting)

2. ADDED NOTICE OF MOTION

10.1 2-Way Option for Main Street

3. ADDED ITEM OF GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS

11.1 Mandate of the LRT Sub-Committee

(Eisenberger/Green)

That the agenda for the November 29, 2016 meeting of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(Green/Eisenberger)

That Added Item 11.1 respecting the Mandate of the LRT Sub-Committee be moved up in the agenda to be considered as the first item of business.

CARRIED

(b) GENERAL INFORMATION/OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

(i) Mandate of the LRT Sub-Committee (Added Item 11.1)

Committee members and advisors to the sub-committee used this time to discuss the mandate of the LRT Sub-Committee.

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(d) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) July 26, 2016 (Item 3.1)

(Eisenberger/A. Johnson)

That the minutes of the July 26, 2016 meeting of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

- (i) Karl Andrus respecting the LRT Project (for today's meeting) (Item 4.1)**

(Ferguson/Green)

That the delegation request from Karl Andrus respecting the LRT Project, be approved for a future meeting.

CARRIED

- (ii) John McGreal respecting Concerns about the Transit Hub at 55 Queenston Road (for today's meeting) (Added Item 4.2)**

(Green/Merulla)

That the delegation request from John McGreal respecting Concerns about the Transit Hub at 55 Queenston Road, be approved for today's meeting.

CARRIED

(f) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

- (i) Correspondence from Karl Andrus respecting a History of the Rapid Transit Debate (referred from the September 28th, 2016 meeting of Council) (Item 5.1)**

(A. Johnson/Green)

That the correspondence from Karl Andrus respecting a History of the Rapid Transit Debate, be received.

CARRIED

- (ii) Correspondence from FELLFAB Limited expressing support for the LRT Project (referred from the September 14th, 2016 meeting of Council) (Item 5.2)**

(Ferguson/Green)

That the correspondence from FELLFAB Limited expressing support for the LRT Project, be received.

CARRIED

(g) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

- (i) John McGreal respecting Concerns about the Transit Hub at 55 Queenston Road (Added Item 6.1)**

Mr. John McGreal addressed the Committee respecting concerns about the Transit Hub at 55 Queenston Road with aid of speaking notes. A copy of the notes have been retained for the official record.

Mr. McGreal made the following comments about ridership surveys on the LRT/B-Line proposal:

- No one has surveyed riders on their concerns on how to make LRT an economic success
- Council has voted to make the LRT/B-Line the #1 priority to Metrolinx and the Province
- My survey of ridership in 2013 had a 68% approval rating in favour of the route running from Eastgate to McMaster
- Another survey completed in June 2015, after the Provincial funding announcement and having the stop at the Queenston Circle, showed the approval rating dropping to 48%
- Concerns include: route changes, travel time increases, increase in fares and no King Street bus option
- Suggestions:
 - Renegotiate extending the LRT B-Line to Eastgate Square with the \$1 billion allotted to Hamilton as this has been the #1 priority for the past 10 years
 - Redevelopment of 55 Queenston Road (old City Motor Hotel) as per Report PED14186 in order to have a catalyst in the east end of the LRT corridor
 - Implementation of Eastgate Square as Phase 2 subject to funding in 5 to 10 years

(Whitehead/Green)

That the delegation from John McGreal respecting concerns about the Transit Hub at 55 Queenston Road, be received.

CARRIED

(h) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

- (i) Correspondence from the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce respecting a B-Line LRT Bay Street Stop (Item 8.1)**

(Eisenberger/Merulla)

That the Correspondence from the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce respecting a B-Line LRT Bay Street Stop, be received and referred to staff for a report back to the LRT Sub-Committee on the feasibility of a Bay Street Stop.

CARRIED

(i) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) 2-Way Option for Main Street (Added Item 9.1)

(Farr/Eisenberger)

That the following motion be referred to a future meeting of the General Issues Committee:

WHEREAS; it may be desirable to better understand the impacts of a 2-Way Main Street as it relates to existing traffic patterns and the introduction of LRT,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff from Public Works and the LRT office be requested to examine a 2-Way Main Street option as part of the current Transportation Master Plan Review and LRT Traffic Modelling Study and report back to the LRT Sub-Committee.

Amendment CARRIED

For disposition on this matter, refer to Items i(i) and 4.

Councillor Farr then reassumed the Chair.

(j) NOTICE OF MOTIONS (Item 10)

(i) 2-Way Option for Main Street (Added Item 10.1)

Councillor Farr relinquished the Chair to Vice Chair A. Johnson in order to introduce the following Notice of Motion:

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff from Public Works and the LRT office be requested to examine a 2-Way Main Street option as part of the current Transportation Master Plan Review and LRT Traffic Modelling Study and report back to the LRT Sub-Committee.

(Farr/Eisenberger)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting a 2-Way Option for Main Street.

CARRIED

For disposition on this mater, refer to Items i(i) and 4.

(k) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

(Green/Ferguson)

That there being no further business, the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee be adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor J. Farr, Chair
Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee

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