



Hamilton

Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee

Report 16-001

10:00 a.m.

**Monday, January 25, 2016
Council Chambers, City Hall
71 Main Street West**

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

Also Present: G. Arbeau (McMaster University)
M. Attalla (McMaster University)
S. Braithwaite (International Village BIA)
K. Drewitt (Downtown BIA)
A. Kersten (Flamborough Chamber of Commerce)
K. Loomis (Hamilton Chamber of Commerce)
M. Platts (Realtors Association of Hamilton and Burlington)
A. Strub (Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce)

THE LRT SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 16-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

**1. Light Rail Transit Memorandum of Agreement - City of Hamilton and
Metrolinx (PED16042/LS16003) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

- (a) That the City enter into the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Metrolinx and the City of Hamilton, respecting the City of Hamilton Light Rail Transit project, substantially in the form attached as Appendix A to Report 16-001 of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee and other ancillary documents, with content approved by the General Manager of Public Works and the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

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- (b) That the City Manager be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Agreement between Metrolinx and the City of Hamilton, respecting the City of Hamilton Light Rail Transit and other ancillary documents;
- (c) That staff be directed and authorized to develop and negotiate one or more detailed Definitive Agreements with Metrolinx respecting the City of Hamilton Light Rail Transit project and report back to the Light Rail Transit Subcommittee for recommendation to Council.
- (d) That staff be directed to insert into the Memorandum of Agreement between Metrolinx and the City of Hamilton the appropriate language to deal with late schedule consequences (for example: what happens if the project is over budget or under budget); and,**
- (e) That staff be directed to insert into the Memorandum of Agreement between Metrolinx and the City of Hamilton the appropriate language stating that Metrolinx will be responsible for all legal issues resulting to both the City of Hamilton and third parties.**

2. Correspondence from the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce respecting their LRT Task Force Draft Terms of Reference (Added Item 8.4)

That the following Councillors be appointed to the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce's LRT Task Force for the remainder of the 2014-2018 Term of Council: J. Farr, M. Green and A. Johnson.

3. Transcribing Meetings of the LRT Sub-Committee (Added Item 10.1)

That staff from the Access and Equity Office be directed to have all future meetings of the LRT Sub-Committee transcribed for hearing impaired individuals.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following Change to the Agenda:

- (i) Added as Item 8.4 – Correspondence from the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce respecting their LRT Task Force Draft Terms of Reference

The agenda for the January 25, 2106 meeting of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) November 30, 2015 (Item 3.1)

The minutes of the November 30, 2015 meeting of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from Kit Staley respecting the Proposed LRT Project and its Impact on Hamilton Mountain Residents (referred from December 9th, 2015 Council meeting) (Item 5.1)

The Correspondence from Kit Staley respecting the Proposed LRT Project and its Impact on Hamilton Mountain Residents (referred from December 9th, 2015 Council meeting), was received.

(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Victor Mejia respecting the LRT Route (Item 6.1)

Mr. Victor Mejia addressed the Committee respecting the LRT Route. Mr. Mejia stated that he is a taxi driver so he deals with transit and traffic on a daily basis. Mr. Mejia would like to see the LRT route extended from east to west on the Hamilton Mountain. He would also like to see the LRT route integrated with GO bus services.

The delegation from Victor Mejia respecting the LRT Route, was received.

(f) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Verbal Update on the LRT Project Office (Item 7.1)

Mr. Paul Johnson, Director, LRT Project Coordination, addressed the Committee respecting the LRT Project Office. Mr. Johnson indicated that the staffing of the LRT Project Office is continuing and the office is coming together well. Office space is being constructed on the 5th floor of the Hunter Street GO station. As well, interviews for positions with the LRT Project Office are taking place and additional jobs are being posted.

The presentation from Paul Johnson, Director, LRT Project Coordination, respecting LRT Project Office, was received.

(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Metrolinx and the City of Hamilton (PED16042) (LS16003) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Mr. Paul Johnson, Director, LRT Project Coordination, addressed the Committee respecting the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Metrolinx and the City of Hamilton.

Mr. Johnson began his remarks by thanking City staff and Metrolinx staff who have worked together in developing the MOA. Mr. Johnson explained that the MOA is a guiding document that outlines, in high-level terms, the roles and responsibilities of the City and Metrolinx. It is a non-binding agreement.

Mr. Johnson stated that Metrolinx is fully funding the LRT project while the City has control over design and approval rights through the Project Specific Outcome Specifications (PSOS).

The following was added as sub-sections (d) and (e) to Report PED16042/LS16003 respecting the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between Metrolinx and the City of Hamilton to read as follows:

(d) That staff be directed to insert into the Memorandum of Agreement between Metrolinx and the City of Hamilton the appropriate language to deal with late schedule consequences (for example: what happens if the project is over budget or under budget); and,

(e) That staff be directed to insert into the Memorandum of Agreement between Metrolinx and the City of Hamilton the appropriate language stating that Metrolinx will be responsible for all legal issues resulting to both the City of Hamilton and third parties.

For disposition of this matter refer to Item 1.

(ii) Verbal Updates respecting the LRT Project Timelines (Item 8.2)

Mr. Paul Johnson, Director, LRT Project Coordination, addressed the Committee respecting the LRT Project Timelines with the aid of a diagram. A copy of the diagram has been retained for the official record.

Mr. Johnson was joined in providing the update by Mr. Andrew Hope, Director, Hamilton Light Rail Transit, Metrolinx.

Mr. Johnson and Mr. Hope explained the diagram and answered questions from the Committee.

The update respecting the LRT Project Timelines was received.

- (iii) Correspondence from Keanin Loomis, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting the motion regarding a Moratorium on Any New Projects, Roadway Alterations or Designs that Reduce Motor Vehicular Capacity on any Roadway within the LRT Corridor (referred from the December 9th, 2015 Council meeting) (Item 8.3)**

The Correspondence from Keanin Loomis, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting the motion regarding a Moratorium on Any New Projects, Roadway Alterations or Designs that Reduce Motor Vehicular Capacity on any Roadway within the LRT Corridor (referred from the December 9th, 2015 Council meeting), was tabled to a future meeting of the LRT Sub-Committee.

- (iv) Correspondence from the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce respecting their LRT Task Force Draft Terms of Reference (Added Item 8.4)**

Mr. Keanin Loomis, President and CEO of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce and Advisor to the LRT Sub-Committee, addressed the Committee respecting the Chamber's LRT Task Force Draft Terms of Reference.

Mr. Keanin provided the Committee with a copy of the Draft Terms of Reference. A copy of this document has been retained for the official record. Mr. Keanin provided an overview of the role of the Chamber's LRT Task Force and explained the goals, mandate and composition of the Task Force.

For disposition on this matter, refer to Item 2.

- (h) GENERAL INFORMATION AND OTHER BUSINESS (Added Item 10)**

- (i) Transcribing Meetings of the LRT Sub-Committee (Added Item 10.1)**

Councillor Green expressed his desire to have meetings of the LRT Sub-Committee as open and inclusive as possible. Councillor Green asked that staff find a way to have LRT Sub-Committee meetings transcribed for hearing impaired individuals.

For disposition on this matter, refer to Item 3.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

There being no further business, the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee adjourned at 12:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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