



Hamilton

Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee

Minutes 16-003

3:00 p.m.

Monday, May 2, 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 and
T. Whitehead

Also Present: Councillor C. Collins

Advisors Present: 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 FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REPORTED TO THE GENERAL ISSUES
COMMITTEE:**

**1. Light Rail Transit (LRT) Property Acquisitions – Real Estate Services Protocol
(PED16113/LS16011) (Item 8.1)**

(Eisenberger/Merulla)

- (a) That the City of Hamilton enter into the Real Estate Services Protocol with Metrolinx, setting out the services to be provided by the City to Metrolinx to acquire real property required for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) project, all funded by Metrolinx substantially in the form attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED16113/LS16011; and

- (b) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized and directed to execute the Real Estate Services Protocol, and any other ancillary documents, with content approved by the General Manager of Planning and Economic Development, in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

CARRIED

2. Light Rail Transit (LRT) Alignment (PED16121) (Item 8.2)

(Green/Whitehead)

That PED Report 16121 respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) Alignment, be received.

CARRIED

3. Light Rail Transit (LRT) Alignment (PED16121) (Item 8.2)

(Farr/Merulla)

That the appropriate staff from Metrolinx and the City of Hamilton, in consultation with Steer Davies Gleave (the LRT consultant), investigate the feasibility of maintaining an International Village LRT stop, as was always contemplated, and report back to the LRT Sub-Committee.

CARRIED

4. Adoption of the Principles from the Citizens' Jury on Transit Report (Item 9.2)

(Eisenberger/A. Johnson)

That the LRT Sub-Committee adopt the seven Guiding Principles as outlined in the Report on the Proceedings and Recommendations from the Citizens' Jury on Transit, and attached hereto, be endorsed.

CARRIED

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised that there were no changes to the agenda.

(A. Johnson/Merulla)

That the agenda for the May 2, 2016 meeting of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) March 29, 2016 (Item 3.1)

(Ferguson/A. Johnson)

That the minutes of the March 29, 2016 meeting of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) CONSENT ITEMS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from Bruce McCuaig, President and Chief Executive Officer, Metrolinx, respecting a Request for Additional Funding (Item 5.1)

(Ferguson/A. Johnson)

That the Correspondence from Bruce McCuaig, President and Chief Executive Officer, Metrolinx, respecting a Request for Additional Funding, be received and referred to staff to complete the documentation required by Metrolinx as outlined in the letter.

CARRIED

(e) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Light Rail Transit (LRT) Property Acquisitions – Real Estate Services Protocol (PED16113/LS16011) (Item 8.1)

Paul Johnson, Director, LRT Project Coordinator, provided an overview of the report and answered questions from the Committee.

For disposition on this matter, refer to Item 1.

(ii) Light Rail Transit (LRT) Alignment (PED16121) (Item 8.2)

Paul Johnson, Director, LRT Project Coordinator, addressed the Committee respecting LRT Alignment with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record.

The presentation included, but was not limited to, the following information:

- LRT Route Map
- Alignment Overview
 - McMaster University to Highway 403
 - Highway 403 to Downtown
 - A-Line Spur to James Street North
 - Wellington Street to the Queenston Traffic Circle
- Ongoing Work
- Factors that could affect Alignment
 - Costs
 - Stakeholder and Community Feedback
 - Design Work
 - Engineering and Utility Impacts
- Next Steps
 - Engagement and Outreach
 - Environmental Assessment Addendum

(Green/Whitehead)

That the presentation from Paul Johnson, LRT Project Coordinator, respecting LRT Alignment, be received.

CARRIED

For disposition on this matter, refer to Item 2.

Councillor Farr relinquished the Chair to Mayor Eisenberger in order to introduce the following motion:

(Farr/Merulla)

WHEREAS, some important work is still ongoing as it relates to LRT alignment; and,

WHEREAS, the Executive Director and Members of the International Village Business Improvement Area (BIA) were, until the April 25th, 2016, release of the LRT Alignment Draft, under the impression that the International Village would be a destination on the LRT Line; and,

WHEREAS, at no other point along the LRT B-Line Route is there a “pinch point” as narrow as the International Village with only one lane of local access traffic eastbound thus making the International Village almost entirely on the LRT Route;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the appropriate staff from Metrolinx and the City of Hamilton, in consultation with Steer Davies Gleave (the LRT consultant), investigate the feasibility of maintaining an International Village LRT stop, as was always contemplated, and report back to the LRT Sub-Committee.

CARRIED

For disposition on this matter, refer to Item 3.

Councillor Farr then assumed the Chair.

(f) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Feasibility of trial road closures or lane restrictions along the LRT Corridor (Item 9.1)

(Merulla/Green)

That staff from the LRT Office – in consultation with appropriate staff from other Departments – be directed to report back to the LRT Sub-committee by the end of 2016 regarding the feasibility, costs and potential timing of road closures or lane restrictions on a trial basis to model the traffic impact on businesses and residents of the LRT alignment.

CARRIED

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

(Green/Whitehead)

That there being no further business, the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee be adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

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

Lauri Leduc
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk