



City of Hamilton

GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE ADDENDUM

Meeting #: 18-012
Date: May 31, 2018
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West

Stephanie Paparella, Legislative Coordinator (905) 546-2424 ext. 3993

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Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 - 7:53 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

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Unit 6

Reason(s) for delegation request: Speaking on LRT

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? No

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Monday, May 28, 2018 – 4:30 pm

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Milena Balta

Name of Organization:

Contact Number: [REDACTED]

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Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Reason(s) for delegation request:

Additional cost in street maintenance including other costs that will surface because of LRT.

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

Milena Balta

LRT Presentation

May 31, 2018

LRT and City's financial obligation. There are so many aspects to consider and it shocks me how little research has been done by city council.

The attitude of opium (other people's money – OPM) is uncontrollable

1. Additional Snow Removal for LRT and its cost for the tax payers
2. The LRT cost will supersede ridership income, what is the shortfall?
3. We still have to run bus system at a huge loss
4. We need to invest in Green Technology Buses for the rest of the City, how much do we need to budget?
5. We pay highest property taxes in Ontario, with LRT implementation will probably add close to 15% increase
6. These increases will bring negative effect for low income and marginalized group, are they supposed to go hungry because of your LRT?
7. The disabled and elderly that live too far from the paltry number of stops, how are they supposed to get there?
8. How much extra will we have to increase subsidy for DARTS to support elderly and the disabled, my estimate is in the neighbourhood of 1000% considering that we have the largest senior population
9. What will be the actual increased cost for picking up waste due to the constraints of LRT?
10. How are we going address all the trees being removed which will cause a wind tunnel down King Street, what is the cost for that?

Form: Request to Speak to Committee of Council

Submitted on Tuesday, May 29, 2018 – 8:52 am

==Committee Requested==

Committee: General Issues Committee

==Requestor Information==

Name of Individual: Carol Lazich

Name of Organization: NO LRT HAMILTON

Contact Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Reason(s) for delegation request:

Request to speak regarding clarification of recent comments & changes made pertaining to the LRT

Will you be requesting funds from the City? No

Will you be submitting a formal presentation? Yes

LRT GIC – CONTINUOUS CHANGES

no me

Good morning ~~Mr~~ Chair, Mayor and Councillors
May 31, 2018

I would like to focus today on a number of issues that I would like reclarified.

The first one pertains to the \$ 1 B that the "province" has supposedly promised us , however based on the April 13 presentation at McMaster , and I quote" Mayor Fred Eisenberger also noted the LRT project is being financed (over 30 years) and "there isn't a billion dollars just lying around."

This comment came as quite a shock to me as through this whole LRT process we have all been lead to believe that the \$ 1B was sitting there for us as promised by the Liberal govt' .So what are we to believe now? Council voted in support of the LRT based on receiving and securing that \$1 B. And if I may quote once again , this being said by Councillor Ferguson, The main reason why I supported the LRT is I couldn't turn down \$ 1 B as well as Councillor Jackson stating that he " didn't want to throw the \$ 1 B away by turning the project down. So I would like to ask the Mayor , Metrolinx and the province whether there is actually \$ 1 B sitting there or not?? And if not then we can safely assume that council was deceived into thinking and believing that money was secured in order to ensure an LRT vote.

The second issue pertains to the new changes with the LRT track alignment and whether this information has been made public ? These changes will create new traffic flow problems , new expropriations, added noise, new lane restrictions, infrastructure adjustments , lack of access onto King st and will change what was once a fairly straight system to one that is interrupted by switching between centre and side alignments. Were these adjustments also reflected in the RFP's that were recently released ? These alignment changes include Eastgate to Kenora where the tracks are moving to the north side, then crossing back into the

middle. Queenston to Parkdale is being reduced to a single westbound lane to prevent "through traffic" but they don't specify where traffic is to go. King St from Delta to Gage tracks are moving to the north side which will 'dead end' all the side streets that previously would have access to westbound lane. King St from Spring St to Wellington the eastbound traffic lane is being removed and forcing all traffic up Spring to Main to 'pedestrianize' International Village. King St from John St to Bay St the tracks are being moved to the south side*. *This is to fix a huge oversight in the EPR Design Templates. Currently, the Design shows a single westbound lane for traffic downtown. The Macnab Bus Depot does not exist! So they are changing it to add a second traffic lane westbound so buses can turn onto King from John and then turn into the Macnab Bus Depot. King St from Strathcona to Dundurn the tracks are moving to the south side to " allow for greater westbound traffic capacity at the intersection of King Street and Dundurn Street."It is still only 1 lane in front of Victoria Park, so how that will increase capacity is beyond me.

Finally , I would like to reclarify whether \$100 Million dollars has been allocated to McMaster to buy and create a Transit Hub/Mall/Student Centre//Classroom buildings? And whether this will be part of the \$1B ??

THIS IS A FLAWED PLAN AND I AM SURE THAT THE COSTS WILL ALSO BE FLAWED!

How many more changes will occur without public knowledge or consent? What will the plan actually look like? Don't you think we , as taxpaying citizens have a right to know the truth?

Thank you

Carol Lazich

Ward 1

Pilon, Janet

Subject: GIC LRT Update May 31 Correspondence.

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Gabriel Nicholson

Date: Tue, May 29, 2018 at 9:03 PM

Subject: GIC LRT Update May 31 Correspondence.

To: stephanie.paparella@hamilton.ca

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Hello,

This city needs Better Transit. But some are insisting on a project they want.

Much has changed since the original dream of "Light Rail Transit Is the Preferred Option for Rapid Transit in Hamilton" was feted so many years ago.

It's not the preferred option on the L-S-T lines. Those will get buses.

Hamiltonian's were sold 2 lines by the then Provincial Government, the A and the B. Because the B ran 'thru downtown' it was chosen as the priority with A line planning running concurrently.

When the disaster plan of Queenston to McMaster was unveiled with an A Line spur from the waterfront to downtown was ultimately shown to be foolhardy, the whole of the A Line was sold out for a B Line to Eastgate.

LRT is not the preferred option on the A line. They will get buses.

This city needs Better Transit, and we need to move people today.

And we can. It's simple. And we don't have to murder all the trees or raze King St to accomplish it.

We need a bus route that runs Stoney Creek - Eastgate - Sherman - Downtown - Dundurn - McMaster - Dundas and every 15 minutes thru the day and 30 mins at night, including Saturday and Sunday. People need to know if they access these stops, they can be where they need to be quickly.

This bus route needs to be given Signal Priority Timing Technology. Which Hamilton will get on the LRT, but in 2024 (or 25 or 26, because opening estimates are a hope and a prayer. Hello, Waterloo!)

Traffic thru downtown is an issue, and buses will be able to move freely from East to West and vice versa, by closing International Village to vehicle traffic from 7am to 10am and 3pm to 6pm (perhaps a dispensation for cabs and bikes could be considered? IV is why the bus lane was a failure)

You're closing International Village to car traffic with LRT, so taking a couple of hours during the day is a good compromise.

Truthfully, we need investment in our HSR, and this route will accomplish this.

There is money to accomplish this, with the City of Hamilton posting a \$43 million budget surplus.

Whatever it costs, it is worth it to move people across our city. We don't need LRT to 'be something'.

There is even the possibility that a provincial government will spring for 50% of the costs to operate our transit.

We don't need LRT. Some people want LRT. LRT will not work in Hamilton. There will never be 200,000 people within walking distance to LRT. It will serve a minority of the population while running empty the majority of the HSR day.

The Finch West LRT numbers released don't bode well for 'revenue neutral' here in Hamilton. Estimated at \$51.5 million a year to operate, 11 km with 16 similar stops, as well as 1 underground stop and 1 underground subway connection. The private company signed a 30 year DBFM contract worth \$2.5 Billion for a project originally announced at \$1.2 Billion.

Estimates at \$51.5 million a years. That is our whole HSR budget?

A route that runs Stoney Creek - Eastgate - Sherman - Downtown - Dundurn - McMaster - Dundas and back every 15 minutes thru the day and 30 mins at night, including Saturday and Sunday.

With Signal Priority Timing Technology.

With a closed International Village from 7am-10am and 3pm-6pm.

This will move people. This is what Hamilton needs.

This will be a BLAST.

Regards,
Gabriel Nicholson

CITY OF HAMILTON NOTICE OF MOTION

General Issues Committee: May 31, 2018

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR A. JOHNSON.....

Observing the Rules and Principles of the City of Hamilton Urban Forestry Strategy

- (a) That Council ask Metrolinx to inform the LRT project bidders of the fact that the City of Hamilton Urban Forestry Strategy development process is currently underway, and
- (b) That Council ask Metrolinx to ensure that the company selected for the LRT contract is contractually bound to observe the rules and principles of the City of Hamilton Urban Forestry Strategy, when those rules and principles are finalized.

CITY OF HAMILTON NOTICE OF MOTION

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MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. JOHNSON.....

Early Opening and Late Closing of Splash Pads in the City of Hamilton

WHEREAS in past years the summer heat starts earlier and earlier;

WHEREAS the operating season for a splash pad is relatively short given the financial investment;

WHEREAS many residents are anxious to see the splash pads open early to accommodate the hot weather;

WHEREAS some schools have asked to have the splash pads open early so that they can use them in the hot weather;

WHEREAS surrounding municipalities have their splash pads open before the long weekend in May; and

WHEREAS some Wards are paying an additional cost to have splash pads opened early.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to open the splash pads in the City of Hamilton at this time;
- (b) That staff be directed to open splash pads in the City of Hamilton for the May long weekend, weather permitting, in future years;
- (c) That staff also be directed to have splash pads in the City of Hamilton remain open into the month September to accommodate an extended summer season when weather permits; and
- (d) That, for 2018, the early opening and late closing of splash pads in the City of Hamilton be funded from the Tax Stabilization Reserve
- (e) That, for 2019, that the budgeting for splash pad be amended to reflect alignment with Stage 1 Heat advisories.