

**CITY OF HAMILTON  
MOTION**

**Committee Date: June 18, 2014**

**MOVED BY .....COUNCILLOR B. McHATTIE.....**

**SECONDED BY: .....**

**Economic Benefits – Light Rail Transit (LRT) B-Line/Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)**

Whereas Hamilton City Council approved the Rapid Ready Report in February 2013, recommending the B-Line King Street Light Rail Transit (LRT) corridor, and;

Whereas the Rapid Ready Report states the case for LRT as the technology with the greatest economic development benefits, and;

Whereas the Rapid Ready Report includes the LRT 30% design as required by Metrolinx and the Province of Ontario, and;

Whereas in their Spring 2014 budget, the previous Liberal Provincial Government allocated \$15B to rapid transit projects in the GTHA (see Appendix “A” attached hereto);

Whereas the City of Hamilton’s share of the \$15B on a per capita basis is \$1.2B, which could fund the \$800M B-Line LRT and the A-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT, at an approximate cost of \$250M), and;

Whereas some in the community believe BRT to be a better choice than LRT.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

That staff be requested to report back on the economic benefits of the Light Rail Transit (LRT) B-Line as compared to a Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), referencing analysis contained in the Council-approved Rapid Ready Report.

## PROVINCIAL TRANSIT ALLOCATIONS

GTHA City	2011 pop	Pop %	Transit Allocation (Billion)
City of Hamilton	519,949	8%	1.2
City of Toronto	2,615,060	40%	6.0
Region of Durham	608,124	9%	1.4
Region of Halton	501,669	8%	1.1
Region of Peel	1,296,814	20%	3.0
Region of York	1,032,524	16%	2.4
Total	6,574,140		15