

## **Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee Terms of Reference**

### **Introduction:**

On May 26, 2015, the Government of Ontario announced a \$1B investment for light rail transit (LRT) in the City of Hamilton. The B-Line route for the LRT would be from McMaster University to Queenston Circle, with another line connecting the West Harbour GO Station. A pedestrian walkway would connect passengers to the Hamilton GO Centre.

Council at its meeting of May 27, 2015 passed a Motion brought by Councillor Merulla, Item 7.5 respecting Fostering the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project that required the following;

- a) That the City Manager be directed to report back on creating an office to facilitate the Light Rail Transit (LRT) project, working closely with Metrolinx;
- b) That a Light Rail Transit (LRT) Sub-Committee of Council be struck; and
- c) That the affected Councillors along the B-Line corridor be asked to participate on the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Sub-Committee.

### **Objectives:**

- That the sub-committee will review, provide input and approve reports brought forward from the LRT Office;
- That the sub-committee will provide input and guidance to the project team on significant issues and decisions;
- That the sub-committee will engage the broader community on a regular basis throughout the design, planning and construction process of the LRT.

**Membership:**

Membership of the sub-committee will consist of the Mayor and Councillors along the B-Line corridor. Additional Councillors that represent various interests should also be on the sub-committee. The list includes:

- Mayor (Ex-officio)
- Councillors for Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4
- One Councillor representing the mountain
- One Councillor representing a suburban and/or rural part of the City

The Sub-Committee shall appoint two Co-Chairs who will rotate the chairing of meetings.

**Voting and Attendance:**

For purposes of voting, majority means more than half of the Committee members present and voting.

A quorum for the purposes of voting shall be 50% plus one (1) of the Sub-Committee members.

**Official Advisors:**

The sub-committee shall rely on Official Advisors from the community who will act as resources, without voting privileges.

Official Advisors can include, but are not limited to, the following list:

- Hamilton Chamber of Commerce (and its entire affiliated local Chambers which includes the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce and the Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce)
- Hamilton-Halton Home Builders Association
- Representatives of Business Improvement Areas along the LRT Corridor
- Realtors Association of Hamilton-Burlington
- Hamilton Health Sciences Corporation

- McMaster University (corporate representative and/or student union representative)
- Appropriate representation from Neighbourhood Associations
- Other key institutions can and will be invited as required

The Hamilton Chamber of Commerce has organized a large LRT Taskforce which is comprised of a large number of community stakeholders. This group has evolved from an advocacy group to a consultative group. The Hamilton Chamber of Commerce has agreed to continue to facilitate the meeting of this group and act as a liaison to share information.

**Reporting:**

The Sub-Committee shall report to the General Issues Committee.

**Meeting Schedule:**

As determined by the Co-Chairs.

**Staff Support:**

Legislative services shall be provided by the City of Hamilton Clerk's Division. Key staff members of the LRT Office will assist and support the sub-committee's work as will other staff from the organization including Corporate Communications, Planning and Public Works.