



Hamilton

**Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee
Report 15-001**

1:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 23, 2015
Council Chambers, City Hall
71 Main Street West**

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger
Councillors A. Johnson, J. Farr, M. Green, S. Merulla, T. Whitehead
and L. Ferguson

**THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 15-001 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. Selection of Chair and Vice-Chair (Item A)

- (i)** That Councillor J. Farr be appointed as Chair of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee for the 2014-2018 Term of Council.
- (ii)** That Councillor A. Johnson be appointed as Vice Chair of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee for the 2014-2018 Term of Council.

2. Live-Streaming Meetings of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee (Added Item 9.1)

That the Deputy Clerk, IT, Web-Redevelopment and the Director of Communications be directed to investigate the options so that the meetings of the LRT Sub-Committee can be live-streamed on the City's website.

3. Measurement of Light Rail Transit Economic Uptake (Added Item 10.3)

That staff be directed to enter into discussions with Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario to request their assistance in facilitating the measurement of the economic uptake that results from the Light Rail Transit Project.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) SELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR (Item A)

For disposition on this matter refer to Item 1.

(b) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

- (i) Added as Item 4.1 – a Delegation Request (for a future meeting) from Mr. Mark Rejhon respecting LRT Implementation
- (ii) Added as Item 4.2 – a Delegation Request (for today's meeting) from Ms. Kathy Drewitt, Executive Director, Downtown Hamilton BIA respecting Appointing Advisory Committee Members to the LRT Sub-Committee
- (iii) Added as Item 10.1 – a Notice of Motion respecting the Development of a Communications and Community Outreach Strategy

The agenda of the September 23, 2015 meeting of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee was approved, as amended.

(c) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Delegation Request from Mr. Mark Rejhon (Added Item 4.1)

The Delegation Request from Mr. Mark Rejhon respecting LRT Implementation, was approved for a future meeting.

(ii) Delegation Request from Ms. Kathy Drewitt (Added Item 4.2)

The Delegation Request from Ms. Kathy Drewitt Executive Director, Downtown Hamilton BIA, respecting Appointing Advisory Committee Members to the LRT Sub-Committee, was approved for today's meeting.

(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Verbal Update respecting the Hamilton LRT Project from Andrew Hope, Director, Hamilton Light Rail Transit, Metrolinx, Paul Johnson, Director, Corporate Initiatives and Mike Kirkopoulos, Manager, Communications and Intergovernmental Affairs (Item 7.1)

Mr. Chris Murray, City Manager, began the update respecting the Hamilton LRT Project with introductory remarks and welcoming Metrolinx officials in attendance.

Mr. Paul Johnson, Director, Corporate Communications, began the presentation with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record. Mr. Johnson was joined at the podium by Jack Collins, Chief Capital Officer, Metrolinx.

The presentation from Mr. Johnson and Mr. Collins included, but was not limited to, the following:

- Steps Taken since Council approval given to the LRT Project
- Overview of the First 90 Days
- Metrolinx Structure and Responsibilities
- Major Metrolinx Projects Underway
- Upcoming LRT Projects
- Partnership with Infrastructure Ontario
- Hamilton LRT – Revised Scope
- Estimated Project Timelines
- Communications Update, Protocol and Highlights

The update respecting the Hamilton LRT Project, was received.

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(iii) Appointing Advisory Members to the LRT Sub-Committee (Item 8.1)

Ms. Kathy Drewitt, Executive Director, Downtown Hamilton Business Improvement Association (BIA), addressed the Committee respecting the Appointment of Advisory Members to the LRT Sub-Committee with the aid of notes. A copy of the presenter's notes have been retained for the official record.

Ms. Drewitt stressed the need for the Downtown Hamilton BIA to be involved and consulted during the LRT project. The BIA wants to ensure that the flow of information between Metrolinx, the City and businesses is timely. Ms. Drewitt indicated the Downtown Hamilton BIA's willingness to actively participate in the Committee.

Ms. Drewitt noted that English is not the first language of many business owners in the Downtown BIA so this must be kept in mind with any communication.

The presentation from Kathy Drewitt, Executive Director, Downtown Hamilton BIA respecting the Appointment of Advisory Members to the LRT Sub-Committee, was received.

Item 8.1 respecting Appointing Advisory Members to the LRT Sub-Committee was tabled to a future meeting so that staff can report back to the Sub-Committee with options for the appointment and role of Advisors to the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee.

(g) NOTICES OF MOTIONS (Item 10)

Councillor Merulla introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Development of a Communications and Community Outreach Strategy (Added Item 10.1)

Whereas, the recent announcement from Metrolinx for Light Rail Transit (LRT) and GO Transit (GO) will be transformative to the City of Hamilton; and,

Whereas, the construction of LRT along the B-Line and A-Line will have significant impacts to stakeholders including local businesses; and,

Whereas, the scope of this project is unprecedented in recent history; and,

Whereas, to ensure the project is successful, a high-level of communication and engagement will be required; and,

Whereas, Metrolinx and the City of Hamilton are beginning to establish a communications protocol to see the project through;

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That City communications staff be directed to develop a robust communications and community outreach strategy in partnership with Metrolinx; and
- (b) That the communications and community outreach strategy include, but not be limited to, personalized and inclusive measures to involve citizens and business owners on a one-to-one basis; and,
- (c) That the communications strategy be presented to the LRT Sub-Committee for approval.

The Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting the Development of a Communications and Community Outreach Strategy.

Councillor Green introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(ii) Live-Streaming Meetings of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee (Added Item 10.2)

That the Deputy Clerk, IT, Web-Redevelopment and the Director of Communications be directed to investigate the options so that the meetings of the LRT Sub-Committee can be live-streamed on the City's website.

The Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting the Live-Streaming Meetings of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee.

For disposition on this matter, refer to Item 2.

Councillor Whitehead introduced the following Notice of Motion:

(iii) Measurement of Light Rail Transit Economic Uptake (Added Item 10.3)

That staff be directed to enter into discussions with Metrolinx and Infrastructure Ontario to request their assistance in facilitating the measurement of the economic uptake that results from the Light Rail Transit Project.

The Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of a Motion respecting the Measurement of Light Rail Transit Economic Uptake.

For disposition on this matter, refer to Item 3.

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

There being no further business, the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

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