



Hamilton

Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee

Minutes 16-002

10:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, March 29, 2016
Council Chambers, City Hall
71 Main Street West**

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger
Councillor J. Farr (Chair)
Councillors A. Johnson (Vice Chair) and S. Merulla

Also Present: G. Arbeau (McMaster University)
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)

Regrets: Councillor M. Green – City Business
Councillor T. Whitehead

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COMMITTEE:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

- (i) Added as Item 4.1 – Delegation request from Mark Rejhon, Hamilton LRT Citizen Advocacy Group, respecting Community Engagement for today's meeting.

(Merulla/Ferguson)

That the agenda for the March 29, 2016 meeting of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES (Item 3)

(i) January 25, 2016 (Item 3.1)

(Jackson/Merulla)

That the minutes of the January 25, 2016 meeting of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

(i) Delegation Request from Mark Rejhon, Hamilton LRT Citizen Advocacy Group, respecting Community Engagement (for today's meeting) (Added Item 4.1)

(Merulla/Ferguson)

That the delegation request from Mark Rejhon, Hamilton LRT Citizen Advocacy Group, respecting Community Engagement be approved for today's meeting.

CARRIED

(e) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(ii) Mark Rejhon, Hamilton LRT Citizen Advocacy Group, respecting Community Engagement (Added Item 6.1)

Mr. Mark Rejhon, Hamilton LRT Citizen Advocacy Group, addressed the Committee respecting Community Engagement with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record. Mr. Rejhon was joined at the podium by Mr. Alain Bureau.

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

- Goal of their Community Presentations: Inform, Inspire and Get People Talking
- Many people have questions about the LRT Project including: a possible Spur Line, Bus Improvements and Transit Integration
- Planning and Inspiration for the Future
- Changing Demographics
- Challenges and Tough Decisions

(A. Johnson/Eisenberger)

That the delegation from Mark Rejhon, Hamilton LRT Citizen Advocacy Group, respecting Community Engagement, be received.

CARRIED

(f) PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Update on the LRT Communications Strategy (Item 7.1)

Mr. Paul Johnson, Director, LRT Project Coordination, provided the Committee with an update respecting the LRT Communications Strategy with the aid of PowerPoint presentation. A copy of the presentation has been retained for the official record.

Mr. Johnson was joined at the podium by Ms. Kelly Anderson, Manager of Communications, LRT Office and Mr. Jamie Robinson, Director, Community Relations and Communications, Metrolinx.

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

- Vision for Rapid Transit
- Alignment with the Citizens' Jury Report
- LRT Key Messages
 - Economic Development
 - Environment
 - Transportation and Mobility
 - Integrated Transportation in the GTHA
- Communications Team
- Communication Objectives
- Stakeholder Relations
- Engagement to Date
- First Look at the LRT Design
- Corridor and Community Engagement
- Engagement Timeline
- Working with and Supporting Businesses
- Community Benefits
- Related Engagement Projects

The presenters then answered questions from the Committee. Ms. Christine Lee-Morrison, Manager, LRT, was called upon to answer questions about the Environment Assessment Process.

(Ferguson/Eisenberger)

That the presentation respecting an Update on the LRT Communications Strategy, be received.

CARRIED

(g) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

- (i) Correspondence from Keanin Loomis, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting the Motion regarding a Moratorium on Any New Projects, Roadway Alterations or Designs that Reduce Motor Vehicular Capacity on any Roadway within the LRT Corridor (tabled at the January 25, 2016 meeting) (Item 8.1)**

(Ferguson/A. Johnson)

That Correspondence from Keanin Loomis, President and CEO, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting the Motion regarding a Moratorium on Any New Projects, Roadway Alterations or Designs that Reduce Motor Vehicular Capacity on any Roadway within the LRT Corridor (tabled at the January 25, 2016 meeting), be received.

CARRIED

- (ii) Questions from the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce respecting the LRT Project (Added Item 8.2)**

The Committee Clerk distributed a document that was received from Arend Kersten, Executive Director, Flamborough Chamber of Commerce, respecting questions about the LRT Project. A copy of the document has been retained for the official record.

(Whitehead/A. Johnson)

That the questions from the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce respecting the LRT Project be received and referred to staff to provide a response to the Flamborough Chamber of Commerce.

CARRIED

(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 11)

(Ferguson/Whitehead)

That there being no further business, the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee be adjourned at 12:16 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

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

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