

June 14, 2016

Open Letter from Past Mayors and Regional Chairpersons

We, the undersigned former mayors and regional chairs, believe that Light Rail Transit will be a great benefit and building it is the right thing to do for our community.

LRT will attract new investment and new jobs. It will mean rising property values and assessment and create significant economic uplift, not only for the downtown, but for the entire city.

In short, LRT will accelerate increasing energy and vitality in Hamilton.

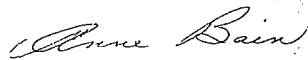
It should be noted that city infrastructure updates, such as new water pipes that will be done as the project goes forward, will be covered by the \$1-billion LRT project, and would otherwise have to be paid for by the city directly.

People might wish to consider that if the \$1-billion in provincial spending goes to another city, we as provincial taxpayers would still be paying for it, but getting no direct benefit for our city.

Council naturally has legitimate questions - and will continue to throughout the life of this initiative - since not every question can be answered immediately due to its scope and necessarily complex implementation. We appreciate its vigilance.

We urge Council to re-affirm its commitment to continue working with Metrolinx on the \$1-billion, fully-funded-by-the-province, LRT initiative.

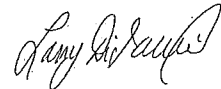
Yours truly,



Anne Bain
Mayor of Stoney
Creek (1997 - 2000),
Stoney Creek
Councillor, Regional
Council (1994-2000)



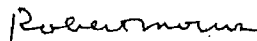
Terry Cooke
Hamilton-Wentworth
Regional Chair (1994 -
2000), Ward 1 Councillor
(1985 - 1994)



Larry Di Ianni
Hamilton Mayor (2003 -
2006), Stoney Creek
Councillor (1982 - 2000)



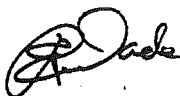
Don Granger
Mayor of Flamborough
(1991 - 1994)



Bob Morrow
Hamilton Mayor (1982 -
2000), Board of Control
(1970 - 1980), Alderman,
Ward 1 (1971-2), Councillor
Ward 3 (2014)



Bill Sears, Hamilton-
Wentworth Regional
Chair (1986 - 1988),
Stoney Creek
Mayor (1980-1985)



Bob Wade
Hamilton Mayor (2000 -
2003), Mayor of Ancaster
(1984-2000), Regional
Council (1978 -2000),
Ancaster Councillor (1978-
1984)