

INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	September 21, 2016
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Proposed Agenda and Process for October 25, 2016 Special General Issues Committee (GIC) for Light Rail Transit (LRT) (PED16192) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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Council Direction:

On June 22, 2016 Council ratified a motion which in part read:

“(a) That Item 9.2, being a motion respecting Reaffirming the Acceptance of the One Billion Dollar Investment in Infrastructure and Public Transit Investment from the Province of Ontario, shown below, be TABLED to a Special General Issues Committee to be scheduled in October, 2016 following the release of the detailed LRT design information that will be presented at the Public Information Centres scheduled for September, 2016”.

Information:

Following ratification of the motion above, staff worked to schedule a special meeting of the General Issues Committee (GIC) to discuss the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) project. Through the Clerk’s Division that meeting has been set for October 25, 2016.

In addition to agenda items such as public delegations and motions, this meeting will include the following staff and/or consultant reports:

- LRT Project Update Report;
- Land Value Uplift Report; and,

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- Summary Report of Key Findings from Public Information Centres (PICs) held in September, 2016.

The goal of staff is to have these reports distributed as early in October as possible – and no later than October 11, 2016 – to allow for members of Council to review the information. In order to ensure that staff can be fully prepared to answer questions at the special GIC meeting, we are hoping that specific questions can be submitted at least one week in advance (October 18, 2016) to the Director, LRT Project Coordination (Paul Johnson).

In the future, staff will also explore the creation of a shared drive to allow for additional information to be available to all members of Council in a similar fashion to how requests for specific information are handled through the budget process.

As has been noted in previous LRT Sub-Committee and GIC meetings, Hamilton's LRT project is a large and complex project and having the chance to receive questions in advance will allow staff to provide specific answers to questions or provide the timing for when information will be available.

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