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Paparella, Stephanie

From: lachek
Sent: May-20-16 2:58 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mto.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP; Andrea Horwath, MPP; pmiller-qp@ndp.on.ca; rkoroscil@flyhi.ca; moniquetaylor@ontariondp.ca; Dixon, David; Murray, Chris; Steven.DelDuca@Ontario.ca; Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com; Anderson, Kelly; Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com
Subject: recommit to LRT


Council needs to stop playing petty games with Hamiltonians and the city's future. The studies have been made and the plans have been drawn up, time and time again. What is happening now is not in the name of honest inquiry or prudence, but - to borrow a topical phrase from Elizabeth May - political mischief. It's making the council members involved and the city as a whole a laughing stock, and threatening the futures of generations of Hamiltonians.

Mikael Andersson


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From: rick@ n
Sent: May-20-16 5:20 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mto.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP; Andrea Horwath, MPP; pmiller-qp@ndp.on.ca; rkoroscil@flyhi.ca; moniquetaylor@ontariondp.ca; Dixon, David; Murray, Chris; Steven.DelDuca@Ontario.ca; Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com; Anderson, Kelly; Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com
Subject: recommit to LRT

As Hamilton resident, small business owner, and parent I feel LRT is critical to wholistic transit plan.


Richard Rudy


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From: parsonsgg
Sent: May-20-16 0.00 PM
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Dear Hamilton City Council and Queen's Park:

I have been reading with concern and disappointment about the recent and renewed controversy and debate regarding the Metrolinx Hamilton LRT plan. I am concerned and disappointed because I thought Hamilton City Council had received and considered the advice from City staff, independent consultants, academia, and even the provincial government, and approved proceeding with LRT in Hamilton. I supported this outcome and I believe LRT will be a positive development for Hamilton, as do the above stakeholders. Now some Hamilton City Councillors want to reopen the debate!?? Enough! Let's do this Hamilton!

Rob Parsons


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From: Bianchigirl
Sent: June-13-16 1:36 PM
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I don't take transit very often, choosing to drive or ride a bike but council has my full support for LRT! A vibrant downtown is good for everyone!

Tanya FILIPEK
Gage Park

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From: Mrjwilbu
Sent: June-03-16 11:37 AM
To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeeck, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mto.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP; Andrea Horwath, MPP; pmiller-qp@ndp.on.ca; rkoroscil@flyhi.ca; moniquetaylor@ontariondp.ca; Dixon, David; Murray, Chris; Steven.DelDuca@Ontario.ca; Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com; Anderson, Kelly; Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com
Subject: Recommit and Shut Up

Please simply reaffirm your support for the LRT and then shut up, you never seem to help much!

John Wilbur


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From: Mrjwilbur@...
Sent: May-13-16 8:16 AM
To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mto.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP; Andrea Horwath, MPP; pmiller-qp@ndp.on.ca; rkoroscil@flyhi.ca; moniquetaylor@ontariondp.ca; Dixon, David; Murray, Chris; Steven.DelDuca@Ontario.ca; Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com; Anderson, Kelly; Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com
Subject: Stop the foolishness!

It's hard to believe that Hamilton City Council is so screwed up that it is still jeopardizing our LRT!

John Wilbur
11 Rebecca Street, unit 210, L8R 3H7

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From: kevlahan ca
Sent: May-13-10 9:04 AM
To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mto.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP; Andrea Horwath, MPP; pmiller-qp@ndp.on.ca; rkoroscil@flyhi.ca; moniquetaylor@ontariondp.ca; Dixon, David; Murray, Chris; Steven.DelDuca@Ontario.ca; Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com; Anderson, Kelly; Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com
Subject: Reaffirm Hamilton's support for \$1 billion investment in Hamilton's future

Dear Mayor and Councillors,

This is an exciting time for Hamilton. A year ago the Premier announced the biggest ever investment in our city: \$1 billion for our LRT project.

We are now a year into the serious business of final planning for the project, and the preliminary design has been released for public consultation.

It is important to remember that this is the result we have been working for since Council first voted unanimously in 2008 to direct staff to pursue LRT with 100% provincial funding. That initial vote was the first of many supporting LRT with provincial funding. Council has been absolutely steadfast in this goal for the past eight years.

Many thought full provincial funding was asking a lot, but that is exactly what the Province has agreed to!

The City of Hamilton has got what it asked for and nothing fundamental about the huge benefits of LRT (as analyzed in City, Metrolinx and McMaster reports) or the challenges and difficulties of the construction phased has changed.

This \$1 billion of Provincial money is from a Metrolinx fund specifically designated for large public transit projects. Make no mistake: if we refuse this investment (one year after it was announced!) Hamilton taxpayers will end up funding projects elsewhere.

Don't forget that much of the \$1 billion will go into high-paying construction and design jobs for Hamiltonians that will last for years. Hamilton could definitely use this economic boost and Hamiltonians need those jobs.

Hamilton would look foolish and indecisive for not taking yes for an answer.

Next week, help make Hamilton the ambitious city again and say yes (again) to a \$1 billion investment in a better future.

Yours sincerely,

Nicholas Kevlahan

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From: andrewjwpettit
Sent: May-13-16 6:20 AM
To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwyne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mtg.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP; Andrea Horwath, MPP; pmiller-qp@ndp.on.ca; rkoroscil@flyhi.ca; moniquetaylor@ontariondp.ca; Dixon, David; Murray, Chris; Steven.DelDuca@Ontario.ca; Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com; Anderson, Kelly; Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com
Subject: Reaffirm and build support, excitement for LRT

Elected Representatives,

While I am momentarily concerned and disappointed in the lack of vision from the Councillor for Ward 5, I remain confident in our great city's council and community to bring this important provincial investment to life. LRT will be transformational for our entire city, near and far from the line, with improved quality of life, regional economy and pride in our city. It won't be without hardship - major construction is never easy - but we will get through it together, following the lead of our councillors and mayor.

I look forward to our members of council reaffirming their support for the project at next week's GIC meeting, and engaging in meaningful community consultation and momentum building from there.

A very exciting time for Hamilton and Ontario. Dream big and believe in us!

Sincerely,

Andrew Pettit

Ward 2 Home Owner
Hamilton, Ontario

Andrew Pettit


From: allenbee allenbee [<mailto:allenbee>]
Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2016 9:09 PM
To: Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; Office of the Mayor
Subject: LRT: Yes, Main Street makes more sense

LRT running along Main Street makes more sense.

It would be quicker to travel from end to end.

It is still near to the stadium and the shops in the downtown area.

And, of course, it is still near the original primary end destinations of McMaster University and Eastgate Square.

Perhaps, doing away with a new LRT bridge over the 403 would financially allow the route to be extended to Eastgate, as originally planned..

Respectfully, Barb Allen, Hamilton

Paparella, Stephanie

From: The Callaghans [callaghanseanlor
Sent: September-30-16 11:10 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Cc: Conley, Doug
Subject: RE: What's important to us:

Ok, thanks for the lesson. I will support LRT.
All you have to do is look after my request for continued honesty, continued dedication to Hamilton...and that no street parking thing I worry about.

You're a good Mayor Fred!

Sean

-----Original Message-----
From: Office of the Mayor [mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca]
Sent: September-30-16 9:52 AM
To: 'The Callaghans'
Cc: Conley, Doug
Subject: RE: What's important to us:

Hi Sean,

Light Rail is different from streetcars, in that the rolling stock similar to streetcars, but operates at a much higher capacity carrying many more people and using exclusive right of ways (timed light priority signals for instance.). A light rail vehicle also has several boarding doors and are more accessible than streetcars. LRT offers the widest range of latitude of any rail system in the design, engineering, and operating practices, and so far there has been no approved technology that would achieve the same goals of rapid transit for Hamilton.

I know there is sticker shock - it's a huge infrastructure project! If we had built this when it was proposed in the 70s or when we should have in the 90s, the cost would have been much less. However there is absolutely no sensible reason to turn down a billion dollars in capital funding from the Province for a rapid transit investment that will shape land use, develop the economy, improve how Hamiltonians move around and increase the city's competitiveness for decades to come. We have studied, engaged and voted on this so many times we sent our request for Rapid Transit funding to the Province three times! This is the first phase of the total plan of the BLAST network that will be needed in twenty years once it is all built. If it's not built now, then when? And likely at the City's cost. And that \$1 Billion of your Provincial tax dollars will then go to Toronto, Ottawa, Kitchener-Waterloo, London, Brampton or Guelph instead.

Here is the Rapid Ready Report for you to see, which details the case and benefits for LRT.
http://www2.hamilton.ca/NR/rdonlyres/76D38C17-DC96-4C54-8E55-3A6EA1C71D73/0/Feb25EDRMS_n414203_v1_5_1_PW13014.pdf

Thanks for your support and the compliment! I know this was lengthy, but this is why I have consistently said that Hamilton needs this project to continue to move and grow our city forward for generations to come.

Cheers,

Fred

Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
City of Hamilton
905-546-4200
@FredEisenberger

-----Original Message-----

From: The Callaghans [mailto:callaghans@hamilton.ca]
Sent: Thursday, September 29, 2016 5:11 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Cc: Conley, Doug
Subject: RE: What's important to us:

Wow, Mr. Mayor, thanks for your quick response.

I don't have any concern with how you manage our money. My concern is with other levels of government, so I was stating that as "what was important" rather than a specific issue I had. I think you are doing a fine job and are transparent. Thanks!!

As for LRT, my 2 concerns are a) is it really necessary to spend money on this type of transit? Aren't tracks in the road a thing of the past? Is our current system in that much of need? And b) it is soooo much money! I don't blame you for wanting to put this funding to work in our city, but a billion dollars? I know you can't say, "oh we will take that billion but will spend it on something else instead. So I don't know what the answer is.

However I think you have been a very good Mayor, so if you say LRT is good for Hamilton, then you have my support.

Sean

-----Original Message-----

From: Office of the Mayor [mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca]
Sent: September-29-16 8:46 AM
To: 'Sean & Lorraine Callaghan'
Cc: Conley, Doug
Subject: RE: What's important to us:

Hi Sean and Lorraine,
Thanks for reaching out to me with what is important to you. I would hope that you feel that we are transparent in how money is spent. If there is a project or something you have a concern with, let me know and I or my staff can look up the information for you. Council is elected to do the right thing for Hamilton and our citizens. That is why you elected us.

Could I ask why you are against the LRT project? This has been over ten years and 64 votes to consistently move this project forward. We are also the only municipality to receive 100% funding from the province. If Council were to decide now that we don't want to implement rapid transit - which we will need before our population ages and road network is congested - that \$1 billion would likely go to Kitchener-Waterloo, Guelph, London, Ottawa, Mississauga or Toronto. I'd like to understand your concerns here and hopefully answer your questions about

the LRT project. It is a big part of moving our city forward and continuing to make Hamilton the best!

Cheers,
Fred

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-----Original Message-----

From: Sean & Lorraine Callaghan [mailto:██]
Sent: Wednesday, September 28, 2016 4:37 PM
To: Conley, Doug
Cc: Office of the Mayor
Subject: What's important to us:

What's important to us you ask:

1. Be honest with how you spend OUR money....every penny!
2. Do what is right for us, not you.
3. No LRT
4. I hope and pray I never see parking bylaws that prevent me from parking on the street in front of my own house.....or charge me to do so.
5. Make Hamilton the best!

That's all for now.

The Callaghan family
Upper Stoneycreek

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Paparella, Stephanie

From: Doug Holm [dougholr]
Sent: September-13-16 12:58 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: RE: Together, achieve

Hello Mayor Eisenberger,

I don't actually know who my ward councillor is. I'm on ██████ st at king. Thank you and I really hope the LRT is successful.

Doug Holm

On Sep 12, 2016 2:59 PM, "Office of the Mayor" <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:
 Hi Doug,

Thank you for your support of Hamilton's LRT project. I would encourage you to also call your ward Councillor's Office to let them know your views. If you are unsure who your Councillor is, let me know. You can also share information about LRT with your friends and family. All the information is posted at <http://www.hamilton.ca/lrt>.

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]

Sent: Monday, September 12, 2016 10:03 AM

To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mto.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP; Andrea Horwath, MPP; pmiller-gp@ndp.on.ca; rkoroscil@flyhi.ca; moniquetaylor@ontariondp.ca; Dixon, David; Murray, Chris; Steven.DelDuca@Ontario.ca; Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com; Anderson, Kelly; Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com
Subject: Together, achieve

Please vote yes to LRT.

I recently moved to Hamilton because of forward looking transit initiatives like the LRT, separated bike lanes, and GO stations. The city would benefit tremendously from rapid transit.

Doug Holm
[REDACTED]

Paparella, Stephanie

From: Sandra and Fort Roberto [Theroberto:
Sent: May-13-16 3:38 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: we were promised it in 2007

I have already let my Councillor, Ms. Skelly, know that unlike her, I support both your idea to spend money on poverty and LRT, in no uncertain terms.

From: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>
Sent: May 13, 2016 3:06 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: we were promised it in 2007

I would encourage you to also call your ward Councillor's Office to let them know your views. If you are unsure who your Councillor is, let me know. You can also share information about LRT with your friends and family. All the information is posted at <http://www.hamilton.ca/lrt>.

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Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 7:04 AM

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Subject: we were promised it in 2007

As a resident of Ward 7 for the last 35 years, I would like to remind our newly minted Councillor, Donna Skelly, that this household fully supports the LRT. She better get on board quickly or she will not be around too long. She has already screwed up already by showing her Conservative stripe and voting against the Mayor's campaign to spend money on poverty. Having travelled to other parts of the world, we have seen the benefits of having an LRT in a city. Full steam ahead !

Fort Roberto


Paparella, Stephanie

From: Scott Fairley [scott.fairley@
Sent: May-20-16 4:16 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: Time to show vision

Mr. Mayor,

I live in Ward 2 and have send Cllr. Farr a message thanking him for his consistent support for the LRT project, in addition to the automated message from the Hamilton LRT initiative.

Kind regards,

Scott

On Fri, May 20, 2016 at 4:07 PM, Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:
 Hi Scott,

Thank you for your support of Hamilton's LRT project. I would encourage you to also call your ward Councillor's Office to let them know your views. If you are unsure who your Councillor is, let me know. You can also share information about LRT with your friends and family. All the information is posted at <http://www.hamilton.ca/lrt>.

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-----Original Message-----

From: scott.fairley <mailto:scott.fairley>

Sent: Friday, May 20, 2016 2:42 PM

To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mto.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP; Andrea Horwath, MPP; pmiller-gp@ndp.on.ca; rkoroscil@flyhi.ca; moniquetaylor@ontariondp.ca; Dixon, David; Murray, Chris; Steven.DelDuca@Ontario.ca; Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com; Anderson, Kelly; Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

Subject: Time to show vision

We want this.

Scott Fairley

Paparella, Stephanie

From: S Kimmel [sheila.kimmel@
Sent: May-10-16 2:52 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: Supporting Light Rail in Hamilton

Thanks, I'd love to attend.

I'd like to move from TO to Hamilton this year or next. I like the generosity of your transit system regarding the senior population. I also think it is far sighted to encourage those 80 and over to get get out from behind the steering wheel by offering free transit.

Transit is one part of the equation. Air quality is another part that needs more work.

Sheila Kimmel

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 Hi Sheila, thanks for your ongoing support. I would encourage you to attend Council tomorrow at 5pm here at City Hall if you can.

Cheers,
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From: sheila.kimmel@hamilton.ca (mailto:sheila.kimmel@hamilton.ca)
Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2016 11:10 AM
To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mto.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP; Andrea Horwath, MPP; pmiller-qp@ndp.on.ca; rkoroscil@flyhi.ca; moniquetaylor@ontariondp.ca; Dixon, David; Murray, Chris; Steven.DelDuca@Ontario.ca; Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com; Anderson, Kelly; Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com
Subject: Supporting Light Rail in Hamilton

I am looking foward to light rail in Hamilton.

Sheila Kimmel


Paparella, Stephanie

From: Gordon Burt [gburt@]
Sent: May-24-16 3:55 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: RE: return Hamilton to greatness

Mayor Fred,

I did contact my councilor Terry Whitehead. He is too concerned about his little fiefdom and does not look to the future for the whole city. Does not care for other opinions and has to have the last word.

I might as well talk to the cat.

Let's hope the rest of council goes for the big picture so we are not the laughing stock of the province again.

Regards,

Gord Burt

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-----Original Message-----

From: Office of the Mayor [mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, May 24 2016 3:06 PM
To: 'Gfurt'
Subject: RE: return Hamilton to greatness

Hi Gord,

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Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2010 6:27 AM
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Subject: return Hamilton to greatness

We Need LRT to develop downtown, attract business and make it a better place to live. We want LRT to make Harbour Living convenient.

I would love to live in the Harbour area when I retire and use LRT, the GO train and walk to my favorite restaurant.

Enough bully boy rants from councillors like Whitehead who think their ward is their fiefdom.

Thanks ,
Gord Burt

Gordon Burt



Paparella, Stephanie

From: pikkert
Sent: June-02-16 9:29 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brénda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mto.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP; Andrea Horwath, MPP; pmiller-qp@ndp.on.ca; rkoroscil@flyhi.ca; moniquetaylor@ontariondp.ca; Dixon, David; Murray, Chris; Steven.DelDuca@Ontario.ca; Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com; Anderson, Kelly; Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com
Subject: Re. reopening of LRT debate

Dear ladies and gentlemen involved in the decision to build the LRT in Hamilton,

I have never before written to a politician. However, the reopening of the debate on the LRT by the Hamilton City Council galvanized me to express disgust at those who would jeopardize this important and well-researched project at this stage.

Sincerely,
Dr. Peter Pikkert
www.pikkert.com

Peter Pikkert


Paparella, Stephanie

From: Radha S Menon [snowmouse.menon@
Sent: May-10-16 1:29 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: recommit to LRT

I may just do that Fred.

Radha S. Menon

On Tue, May 10, 2016 at 1:26 PM, Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:
 Hi Radha, thanks for your ongoing support. I would encourage you to attend Council tomorrow at 5pm here at City Hall if you can.

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Subject: recommit to LRT

This is important for the growth and prosperity of Hamilton's citizens especially those of us who live downtown.

Radha Menon


Paparella, Stephanie

From: Gudrun Thomas [gudrunthomas@
Sent: June-01-16 1:53 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: phone call

Hi Fred,

Thank you for your email and I appreciate the information about the LRT.

I will pass it on to my friends.

Have a good week.

Gudrun

On May 31, 2016, at 1:11 PM, Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:

Hi Gudrun,

I've forwarded the speeding issue to the crime manager in your area. I'm glad you are reaching out.

With LRT, a few points, so that you have the correct information.

Council has already consistently voted for LRT in an unbroken chain of motions dating back to 2006, when Council first established a Rapid Transit Office and directed staff to undertake a Rapid Transit Feasibility Study.

After several months of research and extensive community engagement, staff came back with a strong recommendation: build light rail, integrate with community and economic development policies, start with the east-west line, and move quickly and decisively to get priority funding from the Province. Council agreed and staff began work on detailed design for the east-west B-Line and preliminary design on the north-south A-Line. The Province provided \$3 million in funding for the City to complete a required Class Environmental Assessment for the project.

Staff completed the Rapid Ready LRT Plan in early 2013 and Council unanimously approved it, submitting the plan to the Province for full capital funding of LRT. In 2014, Council voted again to reaffirm its support for the LRT plan and to start implementing the local investments needed to prepare for LRT. In early 2015, Council yet again reaffirmed its request for full capital funding for LRT, while amending its capital funding request to include an additional \$300 million in capital funding for local transit, mainly a new bus storage facility.

In May 2015, the Province confirmed full capital funding for the LRT request but not for the local transit request, noting that local transit should be funded from local revenues, plus the

federal and provincial gas tax transfers. In addition, the City itself undertook very broad community engagement between 2008 and 2011 and found consistent, strong support for LRT across the city. Further, the 2015 Citizens' Jury on Transit, a group formed out of representatives selected at random from every part of the city, reviewed the case for LRT and concluded that it provides "great potential for city-building" and should be planned carefully and communicated effectively to provide the maximum overall benefit.

Unlike most of its competitor cities across Canada, Hamilton spends its federal gas tax transfer on road maintenance instead of the transit service it is supposed to be for. And our share of the provincial gas tax transfer keeps shrinking because Hamilton's transit service levels remain stagnant while other cities keep increasing theirs.

Hamilton is also the only city in Ontario to maintain area rating for transit, a system in which different parts of the city pay different tax rates toward transit and receive service levels consistent with what they pay. Under this arrangement, for service to be increased in an area-rated community, the entire cost of the increase must be paid by local ratepayers instead of being spread across the city. We have the tools to grow local transit, but use them to catch up on the deferred roads maintenance from the 80s and 90s.

Most people, given a chance to learn about why Council adopted the goal of LRT funding back in 2008 and has pursued it ever since, will come to the obvious conclusion: that there is absolutely no sensible reason to turn down a billion dollars in capital funding from the Province for a rapid transit investment that will shape land use, develop the economy, improve how Hamiltonians move around and increase the city's competitiveness for decades to come. This is the first phase of the total plan of the BLAST network that will be needed in twenty years once it is all built. If it's not built now, then when? And likely at the City's cost.

Here is the Rapid Ready Report for your perusal, which details the case and benefits for LRT. http://www2.hamilton.ca/NR/rdonlyres/76D38C17-DC96-4C54-8E55-3A6EA1C71D73/0/Feb25EDRMS_n414203_v1_5_1_PW13014.pdf

Cheers,
Fred

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From: Gudrun Thomas [<mailto:gudrunthomas>]
Sent: Friday, May 20, 2016 9:01 AM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: phone call

Good Morning Mayor Eisenberger,

A couple of weeks ago, you left a phone message at our home and mentioned that we could call anytime with concerns etc.

Well, I thought that I would take you up on this.

My name is Gudrun Thomas and I live on Highway 52.

Every morning I go for a walk around my property and see people on the phone, people are throwing their trash onto the shoulders and people are speeding. 70 doesn't mean anything. While I totally understand that very few people drive 70 and I have to admit that I can't drive 70 on Highway 52, I usually stay just under 80, because if I don't, my chances of being rear-ended by a truck or car are very likely.

Just this morning I observed yet another truck coming from the round-about on Jerseyville and by the time that truck was at my property at [REDACTED] I know that he was going close to 100. Usually around 6 to 6:30 or even 7 am Highway 52 is a race track. Come to think of it, it is more like a race track to some people any time of the day or night.

There are lots of other things that I could tell you but the weekend is coming up and I want to make sure that you are able to relax and not having to read this. :))

I strongly believe that the LRT is a waste of money. I irks me that Queen's Park only gives Hamilton money if we do what they say.

What about what Hamilton needs?

Update the bus service and the roads. We need more police officers on the road and we need more housing for our people with special needs.

We need housing for people that are not so fortunate to spend lots of dollars but still have the right to a decent life.

I am sure that there are tons of other things that Hamilton needs but this is what has been on my mind for some time.

Thank you for your time and I hope that you and your staff have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,

Gudrun Thomas

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Paparella, Stephanie

From: Mary Bowness [type2pres
Sent: May-11-16 11:32 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: other cities have it, why can't we?

Dear Mayor Fred,
 Thanks for the invite.
 I came, I heard, I am so disappointed.
 Time after time the same councillors team up to kill our important public transit plans in the city. This is a replay of the closing of the bus lane.
 It's very disheartening. It's bullying.
 Thank you, for standing with the downtown councillors; LRT is important.

Mary

On Tue, May 10, 2016 at 1:30 PM, Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:
 Hi Mary, thanks for your ongoing support. I would encourage you to attend Council tomorrow at 5pm here at City Hall if you can.

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Subject: other cities have it, why can't we?

If we are to ever emerge out from under the shadow of a polluted city it will be because we're successful in increasing public and active transportation. Here, cars rule, and it is a damning indictment. We know the numbers, for not only pollution but for pedestrian death and injury. We'd like to bring people to the city, we'd like it to be inclusive, and because fewer and fewer people are choosing to drive, we need to build the infrastructure that supports a carless society. The LRT is a big step in the right direction for Hamilton.

Paparella, Stephanie

From: Andrew Durman [hereintheweeds]
Sent: May-24-16 5:00 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: RE: no more delays

Thank You for your reply back this email. I can't help but feel ashamed of council after listening to the Premier on the radio this afternoon on my commute home when asked about Hamilton waffling in support for the LRT. I have to ask who are these people? Do they live in the same city as me? I commute an hour to Mississauga for work so the LRT won't directly benefit me but I smart enough to see the greater picture of what could be. Hamilton has thrown away great opportunities in the past because of this upper/lower have/have not dickering. A billion dollars is at stake the province has made it quite clear that the money is for this and this only. No wonder the newest head of the HSR just quit.

Andrew Durman, Reluctant, Disgusted taxpayer.

On May 24, 2016 3:22 PM, "Office of the Mayor" <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:
 Hi Andrew,

Thank you for your support of Hamilton's LRT project. I would encourage you to also call your ward Councillor's Office to let them know your views. If you are unsure who your Councillor is, let me know. You can also share information about LRT with your friends and family. All the information is posted at <http://www.hamilton.ca/lrt>.

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Subject: no more delays

This is a game changer for the city as a whole. This constant wishy-washy back and forth just shows the rest of the world that we're not ready don't come here and invest your money. Take a stand one way or the other otherwise we just look like a City full of idiots I didn't elect you to look stupid and go with the will of the people and hold the vote.

Andrew Durman


Paparella, Stephanie

From: Daniel Moore [mooredaniel1]
Sent: May-16-16 10:58 AM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: More than just transit

Hi Fred,

Thank you for the reply - I wasn't expecting it! I will definitely reach out to Matthew Green again to let him know of my support.

Cheers,
 Daniel

On Mon, May 16, 2016 at 10:47 AM, Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:
 Hi Daniel, Thank you for your support of LRT. I would encourage you to also call your ward Councillor's Office to let them know your views. If you are unsure who your Councillor is, let me know. You can also share information about LRT with your friends and family. All the information is posted at <http://www.hamilton.ca/lrt>.

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From: mooredaniel1@ [mailto:mooredaniel1@]

Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 7:21 AM

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Subject: More than just transit

I am writing to ask City Council to show unified support for a strong investment in public transportation in Hamilton.

I am frustrated that I need to take time to voice my continued support for LRT. Like many residents, I have already shown my enthusiastic support many times over - by voting for a mayor who promised to keep this issue moving forward, and by speaking with my councilor and neighbours. I was overjoyed to hear last May that the province was affirming its commitment and that project planning is underway and hoped that the hard work of planning finally begin.

It is dismaying to hear that a small circle of councilors are trying to raise doubts about the project at this stage. Councilor Collins and Councilor Whitehead have each had numerous opportunities to articulate their concerns and receive direct feedback from staff. It seems wasteful to force the project planning to start over with no other reason than a small, poorly articulated desire to oppose the project in theory.

To be clear, I am a voting resident and want to see more investments in public transportation that will make our city more livable and accessible for everyone.

Finally, I hope that the divisive tactics used by Councilor Collins and Whitehead do not reflect on all Hamiltonians. My partner and I love this city and recently decided to buy a home here because it feels like a genuine community. We know our neighbours and are active in our neighbourhood - as is almost everyone else we know. The Hamilton we cherish uses bridge building and collaboration and shared vision to get work done. This makes the recent news from City Council all the more shameful. These councilors are not representing Hamilton well.

We hope that they will decide to put their efforts into building cities, rather than barriers, after learning more about the value of this project from the people of Hamilton.

Daniel Moore


Paparella, Stephanie

From: Nicholas Kabitsis [kabitsisn]
Sent: May-27-16 6:24 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: Modern Hamilton

Hello Andrea Horvath,

Thank you for getting back I know you were a big supporter of the LRT and I think you're great at what you do I have also emailed the other members of City council to hopefully change their opinions on this matter.

Thank you for getting in touch

Nicholas Kabitsis

On Wed, May 25, 2016 at 12:18 PM Nicholas Kabitsis [redacted] wrote:

Hello Fred,

I intend to do so. Thank you for getting in touch with me so promptly I know you are busy. Thank you for the list of councillor's to contact as well. My councillor is Jason Farr I live in Beasley which is Ward 2. I will look at that website and see what other information is available.

Thank you for your time,
 Nicholas

On Tue, May 24, 2016 at 3:19 PM, Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:
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Subject: Modern Hamilton

I think this would modernize Hamilton and make transit systems easier to travel within the city. It would propel Hamilton into the future.

Nicholas Kabitsis

[REDACTED]

Paparella, Stephanie

From: gbendera gbendera [gbendera]
Sent: June-15-16 10:50 AM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: RE - LRT

DEAR MAYOR

EXCELLENT ARTICLE YOU WROTE IN SATURDAY'S SPEC RE LRT!!

I AM A FREQUENT HSR'R TO MACMASTER. I RIDE WITH THOUSANDS OF THE BRIGHTEST INTERNATIONAL/NATIONAL STUDENTS - THOUSANDS CROWDED/SHUFFLED ON BUSES WITH -- WHEEL CHAIRS, BABY BUGGIES, BUNDLE BUGGIES/WALKERS, CANES AND HORDES OF BACK PACKERS/SHOPPERS.

SOMETIMES I FEEL ASHAMED THAT THIS IS WHAT THESE STUDENTS EXPERIENCE ALL YEAR LONG.


THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT.

GRACE B.

Paparella, Stephanie

From: rhw [rhw@hamilton.ca]
Sent: September-30-16 10:24 AM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: RE: LRT

Sir....may I post your eloquent reply on my Facebook page? You make very strong points about the infrastructure rebuild...

Rick Hunter-Wolff


NDE Quality Machinist
 Keeping Your World Safe

----- Original message -----

From: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>
Date: 2016-09-30 10:09 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: 'rhw' <rhw@hamilton.ca>
Subject: RE: LRT

Rick,

Since Council voted in 2006 to establish a feasibility report for Rapid Transit in Hamilton, Council has voted or received reports 64 times over 10 years and has consistently moved the project forward.

We have had 3 municipal elections, during which all major candidates have had some stance on Rapid Transit. In every election, the pro-LRT candidate has won the Mayoralty. A referendum at this point – after 10 years and 64 votes – is a bit disingenuous. I ask you the right thing to do as those on Council who suddenly oppose the project that they have voted for now to want to hide behind a referendum?

Construction is always a headache, however both King and Main both need to be reconstructed anyway as the infrastructure below has reached the end of its life. That would be included in the cost of Phase One of the LRT project. That is \$6million per km that the City will not have to pay for the same construction window. And let's be clear – the construction will be done in phases – the whole route won't be dug up at once.

The Province has been very clear that if Council suddenly decides we do not want the funding, that there will be no new deal and we will be starting all over again. So that \$1Billion of your Provincial tax dollars would then go to other cities waiting for Rapid Transit funding – Kitchener-Waterloo, Guelph, Mississauga, London, Toronto or Brampton – and Hamilton's new ask would be at the back of the line. As I said, when we need it in 20 years, we would likely be paying for it ourselves.


Fred

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From: rhw [mailto:rhw@cityofhamilton.ca]
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2016 9:53 AM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: RE: LRT

Sir, very much appreciate the response and will be sure to let all know of your expediency.but, considering a 3 to 5 year time line on LRT, add another 3 years to further development, and the rest of the city is left without proper transit for up to a decade. Add to that the Wynne government isn't tying transit funding to LRT, the whole project comes across as a white elephant. Do the right thing and have a referendum.

Rick Hunter-Wolff


NDE Quality Machinist

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----- Original message -----

From: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>
Date: 2016-09-30 9:08 AM (GMT-05:00)
To: 'rhw' <rhw@cityofhamilton.ca>
Subject: RE: LRT

Hi Rick,

We haven't forgotten about the rest of the City. This is Phase One of the Rapid Ready or BLAST network which will go across the entire city, from Stoney Creek to Waterdown, across the Mountain from Ancaster to Binbrook. The Province announced the funding after Hamilton asked for it, and we are the only city to get 100% provincial funding. I've attached the BLAST network for you to see.

If we had built this when it was proposed in the 70s or when we should have in the 90s, the cost would have been much less. If it's not built now, then when? And that \$1 Billion of your Provincial tax dollars will go to Toronto, Ottawa, Kitchener-Waterloo, London or Guelph. When we decide we need to build it as our population grows and ages, it would then likely be at the City' and residents cost.

Here is the Rapid Ready Report for you to see, which details the case and benefits for LRT.

http://www2.hamilton.ca/NR/rdonlyres/76D38C17-DC96-4C54-8E55-3A6EA1C71D73/0/Feb25EDRMS_n414203_v1_5_1_PW13014.pdf

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From: rhw [mailto:rhw@e.net]
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Subject: LRT


Sir:

Maybe you have forgotten Hamiltons boundries. They don't end at the escarpment or at Mac.

To the rest of us, not living downtown, it seems like your office has forgotten about us. Rymal Road is a traffic disaster.

More than a billion dollars for a train to serve only downtown is unacceptable. Period.

Rick Hunter-Wolff


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Paparella, Stephanie

From: Elizabeth Gray [egray@
Sent: May-11-16 12:52 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: LRT will make for a more vibrant city!

I will try to attend.
 Thank you.
 Elizabeth

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 Hi Elizabeth, thanks for your ongoing support. I would encourage you to attend Council tonight at 5pm here at City Hall if you can.

Cheers,
 Fred

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From: egray_a [mailto:egray_a]]
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 7:05 AM
To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mto.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP; Andrea Horwath, MPP; pmiller-qp@ndp.on.ca; rkoroscil@flyhi.ca; moniquetaylor@ontariondp.ca; Dixon, David; Murray, Chris; Steven.DelDuca@Ontario.ca; Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com; Anderson, Kelly; Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com
Subject: LRT will make for a more vibrant city!

I support the LRT project. Please continue your pledge to pursue this vital improvement to Hamilton's transit and move us toward a more livable city for all.
 Thank you

Elizabeth Gray


Paparella, Stephanie

From: Elizabeth Gray [egray@iasc.on.ca]
Sent: May-16-16 3:26 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: LRT will make for a more vibrant city!

Thank you so much!
Beth

"I went to the woods because I wished to live deliberately, to front only the essential facts of life, and see if I could not learn what it had to teach, and not, when I came to die, discover that I had not lived." -- Henry David Thoreau

On Mon, May 16, 2016 at 9:06 AM, Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:

Hi Elizabeth, you are in Ward 2, and your Councillor is Councillor Jason Farr.

Jason Farr [\(905\) 546-2711](tel:9055462711) [@JasonFarrHamOnt](https://twitter.com/JasonFarrHamOnt)

Cheers,

Fred

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From: Elizabeth Gray [mailto:egray@iasc.on.ca]
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 6:13 PM

To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: LRT will make for a more vibrant city!

I am unsure who my ward councillor is. Since moving from ward 1 I haven't known. I live at 15 bold street.
Thank your for your help!

On Friday, 13 May 2016, Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:

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Ward	Name	Phone	Twitter
1	Aidan Johnson	<u>(905) 546-2416</u>	<u>@aidan_johnson</u>
2	Jason Farr	<u>(905) 546-2711</u>	<u>@JasonFarrHamOnt</u>
3	Matthew Green	<u>(905) 546-2702</u>	<u>@MGreenWard3</u>
4	Sam Merulla	<u>(905) 546-4512</u>	<u>@Sam_Merulla</u>
5	Chad Collins	<u>(905) 546-2716</u>	<u>@Chad_Collins5</u>
6	Tom Jackson	<u>(905) 546-2707</u>	
7	Donna Skelly	<u>(905) 546-2706</u>	<u>@SkellyHamilton</u>
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9	Doug Conley	<u>(905) 546-2703</u>	
10	Maria Pearson	<u>(905) 546-2701</u>	
11	Brenda Johnson	<u>(905) 546-4513</u>	<u>@CouncillorB</u>
12	Lloyd Ferguson	<u>(905) 546-2704</u>	<u>@clrferguson</u>
13	Arlene VanderBeek	<u>(905) 546-2714</u>	<u>@arlenevandrbeek</u>

- 14 Robert Pasuta [\(905\) 546-2705](tel:(905)546-2705)
- 15 Judi Partridge [\(905\) 546-2713](tel:(905)546-2713) [@judipartridge](https://twitter.com/judipartridge)

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Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 7:05 AM

To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mto.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP; Andrea Horwath, MPP; pmiller-qp@ndp.on.ca; rkoroscil@flyhi.ca; moniquetaylor@ontariondp.ca; Dixon, David; Murray, Chris; Steven.DelDuca@Ontario.ca; Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com; Anderson, Kelly; Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

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Paparella, Stephanie

From: Trevor Sutton [kingcobblestone]
Sent: May-26-16 7:28 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: LRT Speech

Hello. Thank you very much for the reply. Will I be getting a response from the clerks office, and how do I contact the clerks office if I will be moving forward with them? I would be honored to speak in front of council to address the issue of LRT, how it affects me, what other cities are doing with LRT, and how LRT would be a perfect solution to Hamilton Transit.

I also have some questions myself about LRT...

- Will it be run by the HSR, Metrolinx, or another company?
- Will the admission price be the same as the HSR?
- Will the Aline (Downtown to West Harbour) and the Bline be using the same model train?
- How is the LRT turning around at McMaster?
- Will the LRT be replacing the 10-Bline, 1-King, and parts of the 51-University and 5-Deleware?
- Will there be turnstiles or will people pay on board like Toronto?

Thank you for this opportunity Mr. Mayor, and please me know who to contact to move forward with this. It would be very appreciated if you or someone else could also answer the questions.

Thank you again, Trevor Sutton.

On Thu, May 26, 2016 at 5:15 PM, Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:

Hi Trevor,

You certainly can ask to delegate to Council, and thank you for your support! I've copied our clerks office who can help you with that process.

Cheers,

Fred

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From: Trevor Sutton [mailto:kingcobbleston@...]
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 6:20 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: LRT Speech

Dear Mr. Mayor of Hamilton.

I am a young mind, who is very passionate about LRT in this city, and was wondering if it would be possible for me to speak in front of city council, and share my opinion on LRT, so help persuade some of the members and get them on bored with the idea of LRT and the future of Hamilton. I'm 16 years old, and I feel I can make a difference in this wonderful city.

Please respond, Trevor.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Hamilton, On

Paparella, Stephanie

From: Chris [parkholmemed< >]
Sent: September-30-16 3:02 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: LRT Referendum

Dear Ms. Farr,

Thank you for keeping me posted on progress answering my questions. I appreciate your efforts and I await the response.

Kind regards,

Chris Parkinson
Sent from my BlackBerry 10 smartphone on the TELUS network.

From: Office of the Mayor
Sent: Friday, September 30, 2016 2:52 PM
To: 'Chris Parkinson'
Subject: RE: LRT Referendum

Hi Chris,
We are still awaiting response from staff, and will hopefully have an answer for you early next week.

Regards,
Laura

Laura Farr | Administrative Assistant to Mayor Fred Eisenberger
City of Hamilton | Hamilton City Hall
71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor, Hamilton, ON L8P 4Y5
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From: Chris Parkinson [mailto:parkholmemed< >]
Sent: Monday, September 26, 2016 4:58 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: LRT Referendum

Dear Mayor,

I have been watching recent events surrounding the progression of the LRT process. I am strongly in support of LRT and think that Hamilton needs a 'green spine' in order to start our conversion to electric transport. I also think it will be good for Hamilton business, and will help attract green manufacturers here. Something we will need to take advantage of the biggest economic opportunity in history - the end of fossil fuels and growth of renewable electric.

I have serious concerns regarding the obstructionist actions taken by some council members. In particular the bullying of city staff at public q&a meetings, and the recent motion by Clr. Chad Collins to hold a referendum on LRT.

To my knowledge, there has never been a referendum in Hamilton history, and only plebiscites pre-amalgamation.

I'm trying to understand how, after all this time and money spent, and all the motions that have been passed, a councillor who has repeatedly voted for the LRT (and is rapidly losing credibility), and new councilor who already seems obstructionist, and one who seems to serve only his ward's concerns are stirring up such controversy.

Mr. Mayor, I am a member of the Blue Dot movement who encouraged Clr. Green, Clr. Johnson, and Clr. Vanderbeek to put forth the motion to declare our right to a healthy environment. Your council passed it unanimously. In that declaration was a commitment to focus on clean mass transportation, cycling, walking. I would like this to be brought to the councillors' attention. Their actions are contrary to their vote.

My specific questions:

Has a referendum ever been held in Hamilton?

How can the MOA for the LRT be overturned?

How much has been invested by the city so far?

What are the potential costs to the city in breaking the MOA?

Does the city have a plan to mitigate losses to affected businesses during construction?

How do I make a formal complaint against Clrs. Whitehead and Skelly for their actions and disrespect of city staff in council, and at a recent community information session?

As an LRT supporter yourself, I'm certain recent events must dismay you. I'd like to offer the Hamilton Blue Dot group's, and my support in anyway possible. The declaration that council passed made us so proud of the progress this city is making. If we hope to attract the green companies and jobs of the future we have to shake our 'Gritty City' image. I'm hoping that LRT is a done deal and this sideshow is simply an unwanted distraction. I can't imagine your, and your staffs' frustration with this nonsense.

Kind regards,

Chris

Chris Parkinson, B.Sc.(Micro)

VP, KPH Diagnostics Inc.



Cell: [REDACTED]

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Email: [REDACTED]

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Paparella, Stephanie

From: 4donnawebb@
Sent: June-08-16 8:23 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: Lrt open to the future

I appreciate that you took the time to look at what I sent and I do understand that you are trying to do your best for our city. I feel if I don't say anything then I am not participating in where I want to see my city going. So once again thank you for acknowledging me

Donna

Me!

> On Jun 8, 2016, at 3:54 PM, Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:

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> Hi Donna, thanks for your thoughts about the straddling bus and LRT. Certainly, if they ever implement a full-scale coach and the technology is proven, we would be looking at it. So far, they've build a small-scale model and are just getting to deploying the first coach in Qinhuangdao. To speak to a few points you've raised, unlike most of its competitor cities across Canada, Hamilton spends its federal gas tax transfer on road maintenance instead of the transit service it is supposed to be for. And our share of the provincial gas tax transfer keeps shrinking because Hamilton's transit service levels remain stagnant while other cities keep increasing theirs.

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> Hamilton is also the only city in Ontario to maintain area rating for transit, a system in which different parts of the city pay different tax rates toward transit and receive service levels consistent with what they pay. Under this arrangement, for service to be increased in an area-rated community, the entire cost of the increase must be paid by local ratepayers instead of being spread across the city. We have the tools to grow local transit, but use them to catch up on the deferred roads maintenance from the 80s and 90s.

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> Most people, given a chance to learn about why Council adopted the goal of LRT funding back in 2008 and has pursued it ever since, will come to the obvious conclusion: that there is absolutely no sensible reason to turn down a billion dollars in capital funding from the Province for a rapid transit investment that will shape land use, develop the economy, improve how Hamiltonians move around and increase the city's competitiveness for decades to come. This is the first phase of the total plan of the BLAST network that will be needed in twenty years once it is all built. If it's not built now, then when? And likely at the City's cost.

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> Cheers,

> Fred

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> -----Original Message-----
> From: 4donnaweb1 [η \[mailto:4donnaweb1\]](mailto:4donnaweb1)
> Sent: Wednesday, June 08, 2016 7:56 AM
> To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Brenda
> Subject: Lrt open to the future
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> dear mayor
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> I have not been a fan of the LRT because it is limited to such a small area and doesn't really put us ahead but will be more of a headache. If we were really looking for something that would make us forward thinking look at China's futuristic "straddling bus" video. that is thinking ahead and tracks could possibly be laid where people could not only travel in town but could travel out side our town and back again. No worry about a snow storm or traffic jams. Instead of going forward with something that will need to be torn up because of its limits really go for the future. This could even be a way of getting the mountain connection. The possibilities could be endless rather than limiting as the LRT will be. Hamilton could be a destination that outsiders would want to come because of such a futuristic way of getting around.
> .
> Donna
> <map_blast_rapid_transit_network.png>

Paparella, Stephanie

From: jamesscarfone@
Sent: May-24-16 6:26 AM
To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mto.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP; Andrea Horwath, MPP; pmiller-qp@ndp.on.ca; rkoroscil@flyhi.ca; moniquetaylor@ontariondp.ca; Dixon, David; Murray, Chris; Steven.DelDuca@Ontario.ca; Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com; Anderson, Kelly; Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com
Subject: Say Yes to LRT

I would like to strongly re-affirm my support for LRT in Hamilton.

Recently, our family moved to Kirkendall so that we could live in a healthy, vibrant, walkable and transit-friendly community.

When we learned our great city was receiving \$1 billion to build light rail, we couldn't wait to learn more about this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for our growing city.

I would hope our esteemed leaders would not hesitate to say a resounding yes to such a transforming project.

Please vote in favour of LRT so that we can continue the great momentum happening right now in Hamilton.

James Scarfone

Paparella, Stephanie

From: Melissa Leaist [mleais]
Sent: May-13-16 3:03 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: RE: LRT is important for Hamilton's growth

I appreciate your unwavering support of this issue, Fred. It will be a very positive advancement for the future of this great city. It is also an extraordinary commitment from our provincial government.

I will certainly be in touch with Arlene, as well.

Melissa

Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.

----- Original message -----

From: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>
Date: 2016-05-13 2:55 PM (GMT-05:00)
To: "' <[mleaist2/a](mailto:mleaist2@a)>
Subject: RE: LRT is important for Hamilton's growth

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 6 Tom Jackson (905) 546-2707
 7 Donna Skelly (905) 546-2706 @SkellyHamilton
 8 Terry Whitehead (905) 546-2712 @terrywhitehead
 9 Doug Conley (905) 546-2703
 10 Maria Pearson (905) 546-2701
 11 Brenda Johnson (905) 546-4513 @CouncillorB

12 Lloyd Ferguson (905) 546-2704 @clrferguson
13 Arlene VanderBeek (905) 546-2714 @arlenevandrbek
14 Robert Pasuta (905) 546-2705
15 Judi Partridge (905) 546-2713 @judipartridge

-----Original Message-----

From: Mleaist <mailto:Mleaist2>

Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 6:19 AM

To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org;

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Subject: LRT is important for Hamilton's growth

Any large city needs a solid transit system. LRT is an important part of Hamilton's ability to grow and modernize. Please do NOT squander this funding opportunity.

Melissa Leaist

Paparella, Stephanie

From: Mary Leach [mary
Sent: May-11-16 12:40 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: LRT for Hamilton

I wish I could, but I have family visiting from out of town.

Thank you very much for the invite.

Sent from my iPhone

> On May 11, 2016, at 10:47 AM, Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:

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> Hi Mary, thanks for your ongoing support. I would encourage you to attend Council tonight at 5pm here at City Hall if you can.

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> Cheers,

> Fred

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> Fred Eisenberger

> Mayor

> City of Hamilton

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> -----Original Message-----

> From: Mary@ [\[mailto:Mary@\]](mailto:Mary@)

> Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 9:47 AM

> To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mto.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP; Andrea Horwath, MPP; pmiller-qp@ndp.on.ca; rkoroscil@flyhi.ca; moniquetaylor@ontariondp.ca; Dixon, David; Murray, Chris; Steven.DeDuca@Ontario.ca; Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com; Anderson, Kelly; Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

> Subject: LRT for Hamilton

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> I wanted to express how important I believe LRT is for Our city. Even though some members of city council are against it, they are not thinking of the city as a whole and have also been against many things that would move our downtown/city forward. Our city needs this! I am 100% on board.

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> Mary Leach

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Paparella, Stephanie

From: doug mauder [dougmaude
Sent: May-13-16 4:19 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: LRT do the right thing

Thank you mr mayor for reading my email .and for replying to it just to let you know that you are doing a wonderful job keep it up .please can you forward the email to my member of council as i dont really know who it is .again thank you cheers

Sent from my LG Mobile

----- Original message-----

From: Office of the Mayor
Date: Fri, May 13, 2016 7:54 PM
To: 'Dougmaude'
Cc:
Subject:RE: LRT do the right thing

Thank you for your ongoing support of LRT in Hamilton. I would encourage you to also call your ward Councillor's Office to let them know your views. If you are unsure who your Councillor is, let me know. You can also share information about LRT with your friends and family. All the information is posted at <http://www.hamilton.ca/lrt>.

I look forward to continued community engagement on the LRT!

Cheers,
 Fred

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Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 8:55 AM
To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mto.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP;

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Subject: LRT do the right thing

I really think that this council should really do the right thing and pass the motion of taking the money that the government is giving to them for the LRT.and dont do what they did for the stadium that they almost screwed up on .as well this should not have anything to do about what certain members on counsal what for them self saying that the lrt will not be good for the city .what are they just that interest in making city proud.the city is always saying we have to build up attract people to the down town core so why not get the LRT .and stop thinking about your selfs for once .thank you

Doug Maunder

Paparella, Stephanie

From: Dermot Nolan [
Sent: May-14-16 2:25 PM
To: Jackson, Tom
Cc: Pearson, Maria; Office of the Mayor; Merulla, Sam
Subject: Re: LRT deferral

Tom

Thanks for taking the time to share your thoughts with me so fully.

I would like to give you some additional thoughts to consider in response.

You have many constituents and many responsibilities so I want to start by saying that you have already given my input more attention than I deserve, for which I am very grateful. I certainly don't expect or need any further response.

I offer the following comments constructively and to give you further perspective as you address the issue going forward. I know that you will do the right thing in the final analysis.

The first point I have is to stress the importance of THINKING BIG! That is how great cities achieve great things.

I am one of your constituents even though I don't live in your ward - as I am of all the other councillors and as is every citizen of the city.

This project goes to the heart of what we want our *whole* city to be for every one of those constituents I.e. *every* Hamiltonian - not just the businesses along the LRT corridor and not just the residents of other parts of the city who need improved bus service.

Of course there will be disruption (my own business is on the King Street corridor and my clients and I and my staff and will be presented with challenges too). Of course there will be casualties and trade-offs. And of course it is imperative that the project be properly managed.

And frankly, in spite of the non-committal response you got from the HSR people, of course there will be substantial resources freed up to improve conventional transit all over the city. That's just common sense and the inescapable outcome of augmenting the cross town public transit system with a \$1 Billion dollar investment.

These are all important **DETAILS OF IMPLEMENTATION**. This vote is **NOT** about that.

This vote simply calls for a definitive affirmation once and for all that the project **WILL BE IMPLEMENTED**.

Of course the implementation process will require vigilance, sensitivity, intelligence and excellent management.

Step one is to commit to **DOING IT**. Council has done that repeatedly and unanimously (subject to funding - which is now a moot consideration). Step two is to make it happen with an optimum outcome.

Please don't reverse these steps. It is precisely because of the rumblings that reflect that approach (literally a *backward* approach) that the commitment needs to be re-affirmed so that no one is in doubt about the determination of council to make this *transformative* project happen.

Imagine the upheaval that all the great cities that installed subways systems must have endured, but not one of them would wish they had not made those sacrifices. They thought big and it paid off. This is the moment when Hamilton will show whether it truly is the *Ambitious City* or just a sad sack town incapable of embracing and conquering the challenges that come with thinking big.

Good luck and thanks again for your thoughtful service.

Best,

Dermot

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On May 14, 2016, at 12:35 PM, Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca> wrote:

Dear Dermot...Nice to hear from you. And, thanks for your kind, complimentary words. Let me respond with a few points that might satisfy your curiosity...(1) I sincerely, without being a hypocrite, wished I had some flexibility how to use the Province's \$1B. announcement (i.e., roads, sidewalks, watermains, sewers, expanding HSR, etc.) instead. But, the Premier said LRT or nothing. So be it. I did not want to lose that windfall for our City...(2) I am not convinced the Downtown corridor of businesses where the LRT will be running, have any clue as to the magnitude of the disruption/displacement they will be undergoing!! I predict there will be a number of casualties...(3) One of the "side" benefits for my East Mountain Community and helped me support the LRT was the expectation that once the train was operating, there would be freed up busses to expand/extend conventional transit across the entire City/System, especially for my constituents along Mountain routes. Well, in conversations with HSR Management recently, I was told "Councillor, that won't necessarily be the case"!! I was shocked and have made it clear to the Mayor and my Colleagues that is unacceptable. I will insist now upon that expectation being realized, even if I have to move a motion accordingly...(4) Given what we went through with Infrastructure Ontario (IO) controlling the stadium-build (resulting in things such as delays, deficiencies, no intervention allowed from The City, subsequent lawsuits, etc.), I worry with ALL the control being at Metrolinx/IO again, particularly on a project 7 times the cost of the stadium, if anything God forbid goes awry!!...(5) The biggest benefit, in my opinion, might still be the James Street "Spur" line, from the Gore to the new GO Station, with a hopeful extension to the Waterfront within this budget. Finally, there really was no need for a re-affirmation vote by one of my Colleagues. It has caused a debate where a debate wasn't necessary. Hope this explains my perspective. Thanks for listening, Tom....P.S...Not every world-class City has experienced positive results respectfully

Dermot. Constituents of mine of Scottish descent visit Edinburgh every year and report to me the LRT construction along Princess Street has been a disaster!! Lawsuits, counter-lawsuits between the Municipality vs. The Contractor, many businesses gone bankrupt, 7 year ordeal. Totally mismanaged!! A model to definitely avoid. Just sharing....

From: Dermot Nolan
Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 7:26 PM
To: Pearson, Maria; Jackson, Tom
Subject: LRT deferral

Hi Maria and Tom

I was disappointed to see that both of you voted to defer the vote on endorsing the LRT project.

You know that I respect your judgment and am very grateful for your continuing good service to this community. I also know how passionately you believe in Hamilton and its future.

With respect, I must tell you that deferring the endorsement vote sends a very dangerous message to the community and to the province.

This is NOT a situation where you have been asked to vote on the admittedly complex details of implementing this extraordinary project. As I understand it, council is being called on to reaffirm once and for all that it supports the plan to which the province has remarkably committed \$1 BILLION dollars to a TRANSFORMATIVE plan for our community.

About that there can be no waffling, no deferral and no hesitation. Council has wisely and with genuine vision repeatedly and unanimously endorsed this project. There is absolutely no reason whatever to defer doing so now (except to cater to those whose vision for Hamilton is blinkered by cynical and hopelessly parochial political small mindedness; You are both bigger thinkers than they are).

I fully support the LRT project and encourage you and your colleagues to consider the experience of every world city that has built a light rail transportation system. They have all experienced a transformative, positive, sophisticated lift.

I urge you to stay the course and embrace WITHOUT RESERVATION the opportunity to give our rising city a comparable lift.

You are used to doing the right thing. Please do not let what the late and infamous Spiro Agnew called the "nattering nabobs of negativity", throw you "off track"!

Best,

Dermot

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Paparella, Stephanie

From: Miller, David |
Sent: May-11-16 2:50 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Cc: bcdemiller@hotmail.com
Subject: RE: LRT

Thanks Fred for your very timely response.

I agree with the layout on the BLAST network plan as it covers all the major areas most frequented by people of this city, now and in the future. My concern is the rail system and the permanent and inflexible intrusion it will be upon our roadways and neighbourhoods.

Dave

From: Office of the Mayor [<mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca>]
Sent: May 11, 2016 2:24 PM
To: Miller, David
Subject: RE: LRT

Hi David,

Thanks for reaching out to me about this. As I have said many times, as the population ages, there will be an increased need for better transit. This is the beginning of that plan that has been studied, assessed and voted on several times over the last decade, and is about future development.

During my campaign, I stressed the importance for improved transit, including a higher order such as LRT, for all of Hamilton. The message has always been clear for me that LRT is the best option for transit and city building. It serves all of us in building on the momentum we see now. Tonight at Council we will ratify the decision to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Metrolynx. The Province has committed to fully funding this, and we will hold them to that promise. I've attached the BLAST network system, which is what it will look like once everything is built. This is not just one east-west line, but will become an integrated network of transit across our city.

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns, but this is not the gamble that you fear. It will be transformative and continue to build our city further.

Cheers,

Fred

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From: Miller, David | _____
Sent: Wednesday, May 11, 2016 1:27 PM
To: Office of the Mayor

Cc: |
Subject: LRT

Mr. Mayor:

An agenda item for the council meeting tonight is a motion to reaffirm the acceptance of the one billion dollar investment in infrastructure and public transit from the Province of Ontario. From the get-go, this has been the biggest waste of time, effort and money that has ever been entertained by the City. Going back 100 years to when tracks and trains ran down the main streets of Hamilton is absurd. The disruption to traffic flow and safety would be crippling.

Much better use of the funds would be made improving the roads and infrastructure that currently exists throughout the City and expanding the routes and improving the bus service provided by the HSR. Trains on streets with fixed rails are inflexible in their routes, susceptible to traffic problems, weather obstacles, emergencies and power failures. To think that this would be an improvement over what we currently have, or could have with updating our current resources, would be a terrible mistake.

I urge you and your fellow council members to take a fresh look at what Hamilton really needs, and stop being blinded by the dollar signs that the Province of Ontario is flashing in front of you.

Dave Miller

Stoney Creek

Paparella, Stephanie

From: Steve [stevese]
Sent: May-19-16 9:52 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: LRT

Hello Mr. Eisenberger ,

Thank you so much for your prompt and informative reply. I do hope the studies prove to be correct and things work out as planned. I do realize the fact your in a tough position and pleasing all of the people all of the time is totally impossible. It was an article in the Spec that gave me the incentive to write because it gave the impression that LRT wasn't a done deal yet. Your explanation does clarify that it in fact is.

Best of luck and again, thanks for the letter back.

Cheers, Steve Seymour

From: Office of the Mayor
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 4:44 PM
To: 'Steve'
Subject: RE: LRT

Hi Steve,

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Most people, given a chance to learn about why Council adopted the goal of LRT funding back in 2008 and has pursued it ever since, will come to the obvious conclusion: that there is absolutely no sensible reason to turn down a billion dollars in capital funding from the Province for a rapid transit investment that will shape land use, develop the economy, improve how Hamiltonians move around and increase the city's competitiveness for decades to come. This is the first phase of the total plan of the BLAST network that will be needed in twenty years once it is all built. If it's not built now, then when? And likely at the City's cost.

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Cheers,
Fred

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From: Steve [mailto:stevese]
Sent: Thursday, May 19, 2016 4:32 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: LRT

Mr. Mayor,

There have been so many projects done that are a complete waste of money but the LRT is the granddaddy of all these combined. The expense and disruption during construction is so foreboding that the benefits will never cover that. The fact that it's so expensive and expansion is practically impossible, especially up the mountain, that it is a very foolish way to go. The Bee Line bus covers the same ground quite adequately and runs on a good schedule all day long. The extravagance of LRT could be compared to buying a Rolls Royce on a Ford budget.

Please scrap this foolish waste of a billion dollars and put the money to better use.

Thank you,
Stephen Seymour
Hamilton

Paparella, Stephanie

From: Kelsey Ewart [Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com]
Sent: May-20-16 10:23 AM
To: lakewoodbeachcc@hotmail.com
Cc: Office of the Mayor
Subject: RE: LRT

Hello, Anna Nancy and Viv:

Paul Johnson has asked me to connect with you based on your email below.
 Thank you for your question regarding the decision to end Phase 1 of the Hamilton LRT project at Queenston Traffic Circle.

The project scope announced by the Premier in May 2015 includes an eastern terminus at Queenston Traffic Circle and a direct connection to the new West Harbour GO Station (via A-line spur). The approved project budget committed by the Province of Ontario is \$1 billion.

The Premier indicated in her announcement that a future Eastgate extension has been identified for Phase 2 of the project, however no funding commitment has been made at this time.

The Hamilton LRT project aligns with the government's priority of investing in rapid transit projects that will also enhance regional connections to the GO Transit and other transit systems across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA). Metrolinx is working closely with Hamilton Street Railway to ensure that transfers at Queenston Circle to the local bus network are seamless and convenient for riders.

Regarding your specific questions:

In terms of costs related to the future Eastgate extension, detailed cost estimates have not been developed at this point. Typical per kilometre costs for surface LRT is generally in the range of \$50-\$75 million, but can vary depending on factors such as utility impacts, bridges and other structures, number of stops, etc. The design of the Queenston terminal is still under development, and detailed cost estimates for related construction are still pending.

Detailed ridership modelling for the Queenston to Eastgate Square extension would be developed as a future phase of work, pending the timing of future funding decisions. We would need this model to predict the number of passengers that will continue on the local service versus transferring to the LRT.

We appreciate your comments and hope you will continue to follow this project as it unfolds. Environmental Assessment Public Information Centres will be held in September and we invite you to attend as we seek formal consultation with the public. Details will be available at www.hamilton.ca/lrt as dates are finalized.

Thank you,

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From: Lakewood Beach Community Council [<mailto:>]
Sent: May-03-16 1:18 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Paul
Subject: LRT

Dear Honourable Mayor and Paul,

We've been reading some more, talking to BLine users and thinking some more about the decision to end the east terminus at Queenston Traffic Circle. We believe this may have a negative impact to this worthwhile project and are wondering if it is absolutely for sure too late to have discussions on having the lrt run to Eastgate?

Do we know how many riders take the trip from Eastgate to say Parkdale? (ones that may decide to use/stay on whatever bus is going to be the alternate to the King 1 rather than switch from bus to lrt to head downtown City Hall for example). Human behaviour is such that if the alternate bus route is closer to the user's final destination, they are likely to opt to stay on a bus; especially in inclement weather.

Do we know the cost of Phase 2 vs the cost to build the terminus and buy lands at Queenston Circle (net of the lost revenue on what was going to be high-density developable lands)?

In other words, how much more do we need in funding now to extend it to Eastgate, either as a provincial ask or paid locally?

It's appearing to us that the location at the Queenston Traffic circle is more than just 'not ideal' (for car drivers from Stoney Creek, Winona and Binbrook, as well as those who begin their day on a different bus route to transfer to the b-line). It appears to be a mistake that if still fixable, we would welcome further discussions. On the understanding that a quick deadline, such as 30 days, to end discussions would be paramount to ensure the overall project isn't dragged out with unnecessary delays.

Thank you,

Anna / Nancy / Viv
Lakewood Beach Community Council

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Paparella, Stephanie

From: Tony Delville [tdelville@
Sent: May-26-16 5:53 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: RE: LRT - The time to stop it is NOW!

Thank-you again, Laura. That is precisely the type of info I need. I understand saving \$6m per kilometre of road. That is meaningful. I promise that I will read the Rapid Ready report, and if I still have questions, I'll write again.

Thanks, Laura

Tony

From: Office of the Mayor [mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca]
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2016 5:15 PM
To: 'Tony Delville'
Subject: RE: LRT - The time to stop it is NOW!

Again Tony, the funding was granted based on the city's LRT submission in Rapid Ready to Metrolynx. If the City wishes to rescind that ask, the funding goes back to the Province and the City would have to resubmit under "The Big Move" initiative, and would essentially be at the back of the line for funding.

The case studies bear out time and time again that this would be a massive improvement for transit, as well as have economic spinoffs and also save the City \$6M per kilometre of road rebuilt that the City will not have to add to the tax levy.

Our office would encourage you to read the Rapid Ready report, and we are happy to answer any other questions you may have.

Laura

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From: Tony Delville [mailto:tdelville@
Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 4:49 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: RE: LRT - The time to stop it is NOW!

Thank-you for your detailed reply. I will read it more closely soon. However, I do note that you have not answered any of the questions I asked in my email. I agree we need the \$1 billion, but it should be spent in such a way that there are no, or minimal, legacy costs. The LRT does not achieve that, nor, in my opinion, is it a worthy investment given the minimal improvement over existing public transit service. The taxpayers of this city should be permitted to express their support or lack thereof of such a major project via a referendum/plebiscite. This is especially so after the disaster that is Tim Horton's field.

Thank-you again for your prompt and courteous reply.

Tony Delville

From: Office of the Mayor [<mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca>]

Sent: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 9:23 AM

To: 'Tony Delville'

Cc: Pearson, Maria; Collins, Chad;

Subject: RE: LRT - The time to stop it is NOW!

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Trusting you will find this information to be of assistance,

Laura

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From: Tony Delville [mailto:tdelville]
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 5:22 PM
To: PaulWilson.Hamilton
Cc: Pearson, Maria; Collins, Chad; Office of the Mayor
Subject: LRT - The time to stop it is NOW!

Here's the problem, Mr. Wilson, and it's why I oppose the LRT. What will it do that buses cannot do? So it has a capacity of 130 per car. Run more buses. And where is all that capacity going to come from? What is our current ridership on that route PER HOUR of each day of the week? The LRT will have to stop at stoplights. How is this any different than buses. Will it be able to signal to traffic lights to align them? Put that technology on buses. How much time will it shave off the trip from the traffic circle to McMaster? Four minutes? Five? How in any sane universe is that worth \$1 billion?

I am decidedly not anti-development. But I want bang for my buck. This project does not deliver it. Put that billion dollars toward an accelerated Go Train station at HWY 20 and the QEW. Extend it to Fifty Road. Now there's bang for your buck. By the way, since Metrolinx is going to own the LRT, they get all the revenue. How are we going to replace the HSR revenue we now get from that busiest route they run? I'll tell you where: property tax payers, who are already being taxed out of their homes!!! And where is the money going to come from for all the property expropriations? Is Metrolinx paying for that? I've heard that they are not. Property taxes again.

This is a lose-lose proposition for Greater Hamilton. It will be great for those politicians who depend upon the construction industry for campaign contributions (and therefore a loss for Hamilton). It will be an albatross around the property taxpayers' neck for decades to come. It will not materially improve public transit from end to end. It will close down a section of downtown Hamilton. It will destroy businesses along King St. during its construction (any offsetting subsidies will come from Hamilton property taxpayers, again). I already avoid downtown as much as I possibly can. With this disaster, especially during the construction period, I will stay in Stoney Creek or shop in Burlington and Hamilton Mountain. I suspect those areas will be very busy with Hamilton shoppers.

Tony Delville

Paparella, Stephanie

From: Brendan Wetton [bren.dmw@]
Sent: May-21-16 8:48 AM
To: Johnson, Aidan; Office of the Mayor; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi
Subject: Re: LRT - Rural Residents in Favour of LRT

Morning Mayor & Councillors,

We are writing today as residents of Ward 14 to express our SUPPORT for the LRT line being implemented in Hamilton.

Our family has been following councils debate with great interest. We are shocked and disillusioned that council is considering not accepting the provinces \$1 billion investment in Hamilton's transit system.

We are rural residents that will not see these transit improvements reach us, however we see the benefits to investing in this project and the positive effect it will have on Hamilton's economic future.

Kitchener-Waterloo, a smaller city, has seen this vision. They are currently implementing their light rail line between both cities with a second phase into Cambridge. They have become a very progressive city. If we miss this opportunity Hamilton may be overlooked by future private/public investments for the Tri-city.

We are under no illusions that implementation of our own LRT line will be difficult. Our family will specifically be affected commuting each day into/out of downtown Hamilton but, the economic benefits and spin off developments/investments by the private sector are too hard to pass up.

The change management process needs to begin. The city needs to inform all residents, including rural residents, about detours around construction for commuters, the project timeline and important dates and/or look into ideas like temporary park & ride facilities with shuttles to downtown during construction.

Finally, We SUPPORT LRT in Hamilton, please vote in favour of this great investment in Hamilton's future.

Respectfully,

The Wetttons
Ward 14 - Orkney

Paparella, Stephanie

From: Stuart Wheldon [stuart.wheldon _]
Sent: May-17-16 10:10 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: LRT - New residents perspective

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts and provide feedback Mayor Eisenberger - much appreciated.

I also want to thank you for openly taking a stand pushing for this investment. I appreciate the sensitive and difficult situation this has become. Shame it has come to this and I sincerely hope smart and considered minds prevail.

Kind regards,
 Stuart

On May 17, 2016, at 12:58, Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:

Thank you for your support, and for this email. Really great thoughts and questions. To answer your questions, it costs \$6M per km of major arterial road, including the sewers, water lines, utilities and sidewalks. Construction will be completed in sections, and a lot of the communications from the LRT office has been up to now engaging with residents and businesses. I am assured a full roll-out of communications is imminent.

To your third point, those are things that have been studied, debated and voted on several times over the last 9 years. I thank you for putting them back in front of my colleagues, and am looking forward to much more engagement about the Hamilton LRT.

Cheers,
 Fred

Fred Eisenberger
 Mayor
 City of Hamilton
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Sent: Sunday, May 15, 2016 1:19 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; Farr, Jason; Johnson, Aidan; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi
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I understand the vote has been delayed a few weeks to gather information and answer questions. I hope this will give all involved time to reflect on the larger positive benefits LRT will bring both now and into the future. I also hope it will give time for Councillors to help get accurate messaging out to the public.

- **This is NOT a Billion dollar cheque for Hamilton to do as it wants.** We say no and the investment, job creation, new development along the route sadly goes away - translating to fewer new taxes/revenue, fewer jobs, fewer new HSR customers, less economic activity and reduced competitiveness
- Roads will be repaired **saving Hamilton millions of dollars!**
- This is only the start, that, over time, will impact much of the city - it is not just a downtown project - **It has to start somewhere!**
- Yes, there will be issues, it will be hard, but lets tackle head on and debate how we mitigate, improve and remove these challenges - see the truth but for not worse than it is.

At the end of the day - this investment in Hamilton is about much more than a few steel rails and electric trams running down city streets - when taken into the broader context it is about transforming and connecting Hamilton for the future.

Look forward to seeing the debate progress and thank you again for taking time to consider my input.

Kind regards,
Stuart

On May 16, 2016, at 09:18, Jackson, Tom <Tom.Jackson@hamilton.ca> wrote:

Thanks Stuart for the very thoughtful time, energy and visionary perspective you provided.
Taking it under advisement. Glad you chose Hamilton!! Councillor Jackson...

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Paparella, Stephanie

From: Rose Homer [rhomer213]
Sent: June-03-16 6:04 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: LRT - MY OPINION

Thank you Mayor Fred

I appreciate you taking the time to reply and for the additional information!

I will be looking into it and will be studying it further.

But, if this is a good proposal and progress for the future of Hamilton, why are some councillors still not willing to vote for it and to make it unanimous to implement it??

Also, we still have to address my other concerns on road safety for drivers and pedestrians by installing left turn signal lights for all 4 directions at all major busy intersections and re-educating them of the laws of the road, city by-laws for parking and how to use their common sense !!

Sincerely

Rose

On Fri, Jun 3, 2016 at 4:35 PM, Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:

Hi Rose,

Thank you for your comments regarding the LRT. A few points, so that you have the correct information.

Council has already consistently voted for LRT in an unbroken chain of motions dating back to 2006, when Council first established a *Rapid Transit Office* and directed staff to undertake a *Rapid Transit Feasibility Study*. It was not a unilateral decision made by me, and in fact I was not the Mayor when the first vote was held!

After several months of research and extensive community engagement, staff came back with a strong recommendation: build light rail, integrate with community and economic development policies, start with the east-west line, and move quickly and decisively to get priority funding from the Province. Council agreed and staff began work on detailed design for the east-west B-Line and preliminary design on the north-south A-Line. The Province provided \$3 million in funding for the City to complete a required Class Environmental Assessment for the project.

Staff completed the Rapid Ready LRT Plan in early 2013 and Council unanimously approved it, submitting the plan to the Province for full capital funding of LRT. In 2014, Council voted again to reaffirm its support for the LRT plan and to start implementing the local investments needed to prepare for LRT. In early 2015, Council yet again reaffirmed its request for full capital funding for LRT, while amending its capital funding request to include an additional \$300 million in capital funding for local transit, mainly a new bus storage facility.

In May 2015, the Province confirmed full capital funding for the LRT request but not for the local transit request, noting that local transit should be funded from local revenues, plus the federal and provincial gas tax transfers. In addition, the City itself undertook very broad community engagement between 2008 and 2011 and found consistent, strong support for LRT across the city. Further, the 2015 Citizens' Jury on Transit, a group formed out of representatives selected at random from every part of the city, reviewed the case for LRT and concluded that it provides "great potential for city-building" and should be planned carefully and communicated effectively to provide the maximum overall benefit.

Unlike most of its competitor cities across Canada, Hamilton spends its federal gas tax transfer on road maintenance instead of the transit service it is supposed to be for. And our share of the provincial gas tax transfer keeps shrinking because Hamilton's transit service levels remain stagnant while other cities keep increasing theirs.

Hamilton is also the only city in Ontario to maintain area rating for transit, a system in which different parts of the city pay different tax rates toward transit and receive service levels consistent with what they pay. Under this arrangement, for service to be increased in an area-rated community, the entire cost of the increase must be paid by local ratepayers instead of being spread across the city. We have the tools to grow local transit, but use them to catch up on the deferred roads maintenance from the 80s and 90s.

Most people, given a chance to learn about why Council adopted the goal of LRT funding back in 2008 and has pursued it ever since, will come to the obvious conclusion: that there is absolutely no sensible reason to turn down a billion dollars in capital funding from the Province for a rapid transit investment that will shape land use, develop the economy, improve how Hamiltonians move around and increase the city's competitiveness for decades to come. This is the first phase of the total plan of the BLAST network that will be needed in twenty years once it is all built. If it's not built now, then when? And likely at the City's cost.

Here is the Rapid Ready Report for your perusal, which details the case and benefits for LRT.

http://www2.hamilton.ca/NR/rdonlyres/76D38C17-DC96-4C54-8E55-3A6EA1C71D73/0/Feb25EDRMS_n414203_v1_5_1_PW13014.pdf

Trusting you will find this information to be of assistance,

Fred

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From: Rose Homer [mailto:rhomer213]

Sent: Friday, May 27, 2016 4:23 PM

To: Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Partridge, Judi; Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; n.carobert.pasuta@hamilton.ca; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Pasuta, Robert

Subject: LRT - MY OPINION

Hello to all My name is ROSE

I have written to all of you many times before for many issues - in which, I have not received a satisfactory reply NOR satisfactory results from any of you- still in office representing your wards except - Tom Jackson - although not my ward councillor - you took the time to reply to my earlier concerns!! Thank you - *Now - I have another issue to add to this discussion with all of you!!*

I would like to know how many people in Hamilton were asked about the LRT - My husband and I weren't!! You should talk to all the people in your wards before you decide for us!!

1ST - SCRAP THE LRT IDEA AND LOOK BACK IN HAMILTON'S HISTORY -- SIMILAR TRANSIT WAS REMOVED ABOUT 35 YEARS AGO - ALL RAIL SYSTEMS TAKEN OUT OR DUG INTO THE GROUND - NO LONGER EXIST - SO WHAT MAKES YOU THINK IT CAN WORK NOW??? ALSO, THE PROPOSED ROUTE IS UNACCEPTABLE!!

2ND - STOP WASTING TAXPAYERS' MONEY = CITY MONEY

BIKE LANES WERE INSTALLED ALONG KING WEST TO MAC A FEW YEARS AGO, THEN REMOVED NOW REINSTALLING THEM ?? - WHY WERE THEY REMOVED?? MAKE OUR STREETS SAFER BY INSTALLING LEFT TURN SIGNAL LIGHTS ALL 4 DIRECTIONS AT ALL MAJOR BUSY INTERSECTIONS !!

RE-EDUCATE ALL DRIVERS, MOTORCYCLISTS, BIKE RIDERS, AND THE NEW MOTORIZED BIKE RIDERS TO OBEY THE LAWS OF THE ROAD ESPECIALLY, THOSE WHO PARK FACING TRAFFIC ON A 2WAY STREET AT NIGHT!!

3RD - MAYOR FRED: YOU CANNOT MAKE A UNILATERAL DECISION!! STOP - LOOK - LISTEN!!! THESE WERE THE 1ST THINGS WE WERE TAUGHT AS CHILDREN!!! SO, STOP & LISTEN TO US THE PEOPLE!! & LOOK AHEAD OF HOW YOUR DECISION WILL AFFECT US NOW & OUR FAMILIES IN THE FUTURE!! DO WHAT IS RIGHT FOR US IN HAMILTON!!

4TH - WE THE TAXPAYERS SHOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY CITY EMPLOYEE'S LEGAL FEES FOR THEIR INDISCRETIONS & UNLAWFUL ACTIONS!! SUSPENSION WITH PAY IS ONLY A PAID VACATION!!!! IF FOUND GUILTY- WHERE IN MOST CASES HAVE BEEN - DO YOU REALLY EXPECT MONEY PAID BACK?! AND, GET PROMOTED!! HOW STUPID DO YOU ALL THINK WE ARE ANYWAY!!

Thank you to all for listening and reading to my opinions and concerns about road safety in our city.

Sincerely

Rose

Paparella, Stephanie

From: Ameriga Strache Alonzo [reinameriga]
Sent: May-24-16 3:03 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: LRT - Make it happen

Hello, Thanks - I have contacted my Councillor, Mr. Green.

I hope I can count on you to get behind LRT and make it happen.

Thank you,
 Ameriga Alonzo

From: Office of the Mayor <mavor@hamilton.ca>
To: " <reinameriga@>
Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 3:00 PM
Subject: RE: LRT - Make it happen

Hi Ameriga,

Thank you for your support of Hamilton's LRT project. I would encourage you to also call your ward Councillor's Office to let them know your views. If you are unsure who your Councillor is, let me know. You can also share information about LRT with your friends and family. All the information is posted at <http://www.hamilton.ca/lrt>.

I look forward to continued community engagement on the LRT!

Cheers,
 Fred

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Sent: Tuesday, May 24, 2016 11:14 AM

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Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com
Subject: LRT - Make it happen

Please do stay the course with the LRT plan. We need it and we need it soon, no more debates. It has been settled so please just work to get it implemented as it has been agreed. Thank you!

Ameriga Alonzo

Paparella, Stephanie

From: Bruce Horsley
Sent: May-16-16 3:09 PM
To: Ferguson, Lloyd
Cc: Office of the Mayor; Eisenberger, Fred
Subject: RE: Light Rail Transit Decision

Lloyd Ferguson

Thanks for your response.
 I live in Ancaster and work in Hamilton.
 I like this area.
 You will likely see me golfing tomorrow night.

Bruce R. Horsley CPA, CA, CBV, CFF
 Horsley & Associates Inc.

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To: 'Bruce Horsley' <
Cc: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>; Eisenberger, Fred <Fred.Eisenberger@hamilton.ca>
Subject: RE: Light Rail Transit Decision

Burse

This is a decision that looks way out past the election cycle and will only benefit our children We are often criticized for not making long term decisions.

There will be chaos during construction but the benefits will be worth it. We are getting the cost covered by the Province. The B-Line with a bus every 8 minutes is filled beyond capacity. LRT is also less to operate, and is a driver of economic development on the route.

I am not a great typist but if you would to speak to me let me know and I will give you a call. I assume you live in Ancaster. Correct?

Councillor Lloyd Ferguson
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From: Bruce Horsley [mailto:bruce@horsley.ca]
Sent: May-16-16 9:23 AM
To: Office of the Mayor; Ferguson, Lloyd
Subject: Light Rail Transit Decision

Mayor Fred Eisenberger and Lloyd Ferguson

Re Light Rail Transit Decision for Hamilton

On May 16 I had a long ride to work caused by a traffic accident on the 403 from Ancaster to Hamilton followed up by difficulty parking at 20 Jackson Street West because of a movie shoot and because of the underground parkers at 25 Main St W. building being displaced by building construction.

I then thought of the problems with the potential LRT system coming to Hamilton during the many year construction period and afterwards the difficulty in driving in downtown Hamilton and my non Hamilton clients being able to access my office for meetings. I own my business and can move the business and jobs elsewhere. As a renter of commercial space we pay fairly high property taxes. As a professional services firm we pay higher salaries than the average. There are other professional businesses that depend on my purchases of their services.

I am fairly certain if LRT is planned for Hamilton then I will have no choice other than to take my jobs and property taxes elsewhere.

Please consider there are many more professional service firms like myself facing the same inevitable future.

Could you please take this into consideration when planning for the LRT in Hamilton using my tax dollars paid to Ontario.

Bruce R. Horsley CPA, CA, CBV, CFF
Horsley & Associates Inc.

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Paparella, Stephanie

From: laura@
Sent: May-17-16 4:42 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: RE: Let's work together t

Thanks Fred. While that is encouraging two things:

if we have a referendum MANY Hamiltonians are under the misapprehension that the billion dollars is transferable to other projects like buses or infrastructure or poverty reduction - and a simple referendum may fail due to that fact alone... (Hence my no LRT no \$ message / email which Ted agreed with). I know you said be patient but I am legit concerned people are so confused they make make a big mistake if asked to vote.

Secondly is your office fully aware of the hundreds? of millions in proposed development and land purchases in the works because of the LRT? I ask only because I am speaking to an active developer right now who is beside himself with the potential impact of city losing LRT and wondering why there doesn't seem to be the message getting out about money already being invested?

Btw Loren and I dedicated most of the OShow tonight to arguing for LRT if it helps.

Cheers

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Subject: RE: Let's work together t
From: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>
Date: May 17, 2016 3:55 PM
To: "'l :a'" <Laura>
CC:

Hi Laura,

Thank you for your ongoing support! My office and I have been responding to every email and call that has come in, and encouraging folks to call their Councillors as well. So far, it's 479 in favour of LRT, to 14 against/or for a referendum.

Cheers,
 Fred

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From: [La'](mailto:Laura) [<mailto:Laura>]
Sent: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 1:32 PM
To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mtto.gov.on.ca;

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Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com
Subject: Let's work together t

Hamilton needs LRT to attract additional investment and be competitive. No LRT means no MONEY
- so let's not fear the difficult process and work together to achieve LRT benefits for the
whole city.

Laura Babcock

Paparella, Stephanie

From: Peter Hill [phill]
Sent: May-13-16 3:25 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: Just do it!

Hi Fred:

yes, I attended the Council meeting last Wednesday and was VERY disappointed at Judy partridge's motion to refer. Too much politics and not enough action!

Thanks for providing leadership on this issue. Not sure if you knew but I was on the original Citizens' Advisory Committee which reviewed all the early plans. It is certainly a city builder.

Peter

> On May 13, 2016, at 3:08 PM, Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:

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> Fred

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> From: peterhill [mailto:peterhill]
> Sent: Tuesday, May 10, 2010 11:09 AM
> To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mto.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP; Andrea Horwath, MPP; pmiller-gp@ndp.on.ca; rkoroscil@flyhi.ca; moniquetaylor@ontariondp.ca; Dixon, David; Murray, Chris; Steven.DelDuca@Ontario.ca; Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com; Anderson, Kelly; Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com
> Subject: Just do it!
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> There are many people who will object to this improvement, just as there will always be when an opportunity appears along with some short-term negatives such as construction inconvenience. Leadership means seeing beyond the near term and recognizing what the future holds and acting on the advice of those who have INFORMED opinions.
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> Peter Hill
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Paparella, Stephanie

From: John D. Thompson | 2
Sent: May-18-16 10:18 AM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: It's Hamilton's time

May 18-16

Dear Mayor Fred,

I'm always glad to do what I can for Hamilton's betterment.

Re Leslie Carbarn, it is about 3 - 4 miles east of Yonge St. and 4 blocks south of Queen St. East.

If driving, probably the best bet is to take the easternmost exit from the Gardiner, drive north to Queen, and proceed eastward to Leslie. The TTC plans to have a couple of their historic streetcars there, including a 1920s vintage car somewhat similar to Hamilton's, and still operational.

Best wishes,

John Thompson

From: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2016 2:32 PM
To: 'John D. Thompson'
Subject: RE: It's Hamilton's time

Hi John,

Not sure if I will be able to, however I am going over a number of things with my scheduler. Thank you for the invite, and your ongoing support.

-Fred

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From: John D. Thompson [mailto: 0 n]
Sent: Saturday, May 14, 2016 3:21 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: It's Hamilton's time

May 14-16

Dear Mayor Fred,

I have contacted my Councillor, Tom Jackson, urging him to support our LRT, and will continue to do so. I will do whatever I can to help with the project. My letter published in The Spectator last Tuesday pretty well summarized my views on our LRT, although one thing I forgot to mention is that the construction will be a great generator of employment for Hamilton.

I sent you a separate e-mail today about the tour of the TTC's new Leslie streetcar barn next Saturday, during Doors Open. This might be a good opportunity for yourself and Councillors to view and ride the new TTC low floor streetcars.

If you wish a separate tour sometime, a good person to contact is David Nagler, the TTC's Manager of Communications; david.nagler@ttc.ca. He's originally from Hamilton and is very interested in our project; he knows me. The TTC switchboard is 416-393-4000.

Best wishes,

John Thompson

From: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>
Sent: May 13, 2016 2:52 PM
To: '
Subject: RE: It's Hamilton's time

Thank you for your ongoing support of LRT in Hamilton. I would encourage you to also call your ward Councillor's Office to let them know your views. If you are unsure who your Councillor is, let me know. You can also share information about LRT with your friends and family. All the information is posted at <http://www.hamilton.ca/lrt>.

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From: thb201@metrolinx.com [mailto:thb201@metrolinx.com]

Sent: Friday, May 13, 2016 1:44 PM

To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mto.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP; Andrea Horwath, MPP; pmiller-qp@ndp.on.ca; rkoroscil@flyhi.ca; moniquetaylor@ontariondp.ca; Dixon, David; Murray, Chris; Steven.DelDuca@Ontario.ca; Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com; Anderson, Kelly; Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com
Subject: It's Hamilton's time

May 13, 2016

I strongly support the Hamilton LRT project, as it will strongly benefit the city and it is far more economical to build it now than later; and, it would bring much-needed jobs to many Hamiltonians.

LRT is environmentally-friendly and is more appealing to transit riders than buses, has a greater carrying capacity, is smooth and quiet, and the LRVs last in service at least three times as long as buses (Toronto experience).

However, I feel that the LRT should be built out to Eastgate Square or at least Parkdale Avenue at this time; Queenston Circle is a terrible location for a terminal; the James St. spur is unnecessary; it would serve a minimum of passengers that could easily be carried by express buses to/from the West Harbour GO Station, and the money put towards the Main Line LRT.

John Thompson

Paparella, Stephanie

From: Fernando Ferreira [fferreira335]
Sent: July-28-16 10:54 AM
To: Office of the Mayor; mathew.green@hamilton.ca
Subject: Re: I support LRT

Hello Mathew,

I am glad to see you are in favour of the LRT. Please note that I am a supporter of this project, as per my comments below.

Thanks and keep up the fight,

Fernando Ferreira

On Thu, Jul 28, 2016 at 9:38 AM, Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:
 Hi Fernando,

Thank you for your support of Hamilton's LRT project. I would encourage you to also call your ward Councillor's Office to let them know your views. If you are unsure who your Councillor is, let me know. You can also share information about LRT with your friends and family. All the information is posted at <http://www.hamilton.ca/lrt>.

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From: f @ [mailto:f 35@

Sent: Thursday, July 28, 2016 6:14 AM

To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org; Minister.MTO@Ontario.ca; minister@mto.gov.on.ca; Chair@metrolinx.com; CEO@metrolinx.com; john.howe@metrolinx.com; jack.collins@metrolinx.com; HSR Customer Service; Ted McMeekin, MPP; Andrea Horwath, MPP; pmiller-qp@ndp.on.ca; rkoroscil@flyhi.ca; moniquetaylor@ontariondp.ca; Dixon, David; Murray, Chris; Steven.DelDuca@Ontario.ca; Kelsey.Ewart@metrolinx.com; Anderson, Kelly; Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com
Subject: I support LRT

Accessibility for all residents of the city is essential for a prosperous city. I believe this LRT plan will do that. It will enhance the city's transportation grid. It will also attract new business, and as a result make for a better place to live.

My vote is for LRT.

Fernando Ferreira

Paparella, Stephanie

From: jackgillies
Sent: May-03-16 12:28 AM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: Hamilton LRT

Hello Mr. Mayor

Thank you for your thoughtful and candid reply. The Blast Plan does indeed look like it would satisfy the transit needs for many Hamiltonians. I must say I still feel that all this could be accomplished by a more nimble bus service over a fixed track method. However decisions have to be made and I respect that yours has been taken based on what you truly feel is best for Hamilton's future. As a voter that is all I ever ask from our leaders.

Sincerely,

Jack Gillies

: [Office of the Mayor](#)

Sent: Monday, May 02, 2016 10:49 PM

To: <mailto:jackgillies/>

Subject: RE: Hamilton LRT

Hi Jack,

Thanks for reaching out to me about this. As I said many times, as the population ages, there will be an increased need for better transit. This is the beginning of that plan that has been studied, assessed and voted on several times over the last decade, and is about future development.

During my campaign, I stressed the importance for improved transit, including a higher order such as LRT, for all of Hamilton. The message has always been clear for me that LRT is the best option for transit and city building. It serves all of us in building on the momentum we see now. Tonight at Council we will ratify the decision to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with Metrolynx. The Province has committed to fully funding this, and we will hold them to that promise. I've attached the BLAST network system, which is what it will look like once everything is built. This is not just one east-west line, but will become an integrated network of transit across our city.

Thank you for taking the time to share your concerns, but this is not the gamble that you fear. It will be transformative and continue to build our city further.

Cheers,

Fred

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From: [jackgillie](#) <mailto:jackgillies/>
Sent: Tuesday, April 20, 2016 3:56 PM

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To: Office of the Mayor

Subject: Hamilton LRT

Hello

My name is Jack Gillies. I am a retired teacher and I live in Mount Hope. I am strongly opposed to the proposed LRT.

I am not anti-Hamilton, I just believe this is the wrong project for the city. I have ridden in a number of LRTs in the States and Europe and they are beautiful. However because of their fixed rail limitations they are only effective in a very small part of the city. I feel that an enhanced bus system, that is far more adaptable to volume and changing rider needs, makes much more sense, now and far into the future. The savings in present government grant dollars and future local tax costs alone seems like a viable argument against the project. Although I have no connection with anyone along the proposed route, I feel that many businesses will be ruined during the 4 to 5 years of construction. These are also Hamilton citizens that need to be protected.

I feel that this project is a huge gamble. We have heard the optimistic opinions of how the LRT will be a catalyst for future development. I have applauded the steps that have been taken to once again make Hamilton recognized as - the Ambitious City. I just feel that we can accomplish the transportation need of the city without the risk of making a very costly mistake.

Sincerely

Jack Gillies

Paparella, Stephanie

From: Team St.Jean [
Sent: June-15-16 3:36 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Cc: Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; aria.pearson@hamilton.ca; Johnson, Brenda; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert; Partridge, Judi
Subject: Re: Hamilton LRT

Dear Mayor Eisenberger and members of Council,

As a proud member of the city of Hamilton, St. Jean Realty has been honored to play a role in the revitalization and the development of our thriving and growing community. Recently, however, reports regarding Hamilton's Light Rail Transit Initiative have left us concerned. Over the years, we have kept our pulse on the changes within the neighborhoods, districts and businesses in our community. We understand the trends that impact the surrounding real estate and commercial market throughout Hamilton. It's with this knowledge and experience that we throw our full support behind Hamilton's Light Rail Transit Initiative.

Hamilton's LRT Initiative is a long-term improvement to the city. Further, it is one that the city desperately needs to continue to grow and expand. We strongly believe that it will have both a positive and long-lasting effect on Hamilton as a whole — more than enough to make the construction and expense worthwhile. To us, the benefits appear to be manifold. The LRT Initiative will:

- Bring in additional investors to our downtown center, thereby revitalizing it and making it more convenient for residents.
- Curb urban sprawl, both improving upon the commerce within the center and protecting the local farmlands.
- Reduce traffic, making business commutes easier and providing better transportation options to residents.

Of course, the LRT will require an upfront investment of time and money, but funding has been made available for the project through the province, and it will be a long-term investment in the future of the city. The LRT will encourage growth throughout Hamilton, it is a necessary improvement for a city that is poised to enter a new stage of development.

In recent years, Hamilton has been developing a strong and diverse economy that builds upon its once industrial roots. This economy can only be further developed through better efficiency and convenience. The LRT will improve upon the competitive nature of Hamilton compared to other large cities, drawing in both additional investors and new residents. The LRT represents a commitment to future growth and the ability to identify winning opportunities as they come.

We at St. Jean Realty sincerely believe that the LRT is the best option for the future of Hamilton and strongly urge the city leadership to accept the provincial funding of the LRT line. The minimal disruptions that construction and development may cause are short-term at best, while the benefits of the LRT will last the city for decades to come.

MICHAEL ST. JEAN

Team Leader & Vice President

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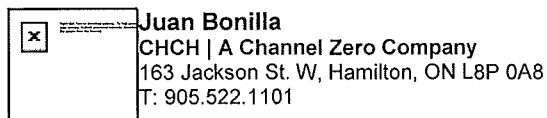
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Paparella, Stephanie

From: Juan Bonilla (CHCH)
Sent: October-07-16 4:25 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: GO LRT! Before it's too late.

Will do, Mr. Mayor. Thanks for your response.

Juan



On 2016-10-07, 2:40 PM, "Office of the Mayor" <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:

>Hi Juan,

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>Thank you for your support of Hamilton's LRT project. I would encourage
 >you to also call your ward Councillor's Office to let them know your
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>From:

>Sent: Wednesday, October 05, 2016 9:15 AM

>To: Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew;
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>Subject: GO LRT! Before it's too late.
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>I lived ten years ago in Bogota, Colombia. I have seen first hand how bus
>rapid transit, while a decent solution at first, would quickly become too
>little, too late. After the Transmilenio solution quickly became
>obsolete, Bogota is now -FINALLY- considering a Subway or an LRT.
>HAMILTON HAS THE CHANCE NOW to make a future-ready decision. GO LRT!
>
>Juan Bonilla
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Paparella, Stephanie

From: Vince Zingaro
Sent: June-07-16 5:00 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: Re: get back on track

Thanks Mayor Fred for your response. This LRT project is too important for Hamilton and having worked at City Hall for 19 years and the MTO for 10 years I needed to encourage councillors to do the right thing for Hamilton. I definitely will spread the message. Thanks

Sign Me Up Inc
 Vince Zingaro

Hamilton, ON

On Jun 7, 2016, at 4:23 PM, Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca> wrote:

Hi Vincent,

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From: vzingaro [mailto:vzingaro]

Sent: Monday, May 30, 2016 7:26 AM

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Subject: get back on track

Having been a professional engineer for 40 years in Hamilton I have learned that with large projects you never have all the answers. My suggestion is lets get the project going and ensure that Hamilton gets the 1 billion funding and an opportunity to ensure that our future as a seriously mega city. Councillors you need to do due diligent at getting information but don't kill the project. There is a lot at stake for ALL OF HAMILTON

Vincent Zingaro

Paparella, Stephanie

From: Frank M Raso [mailto:frank@hamilton.ca]
Sent: July-08-16 3:33 PM
To: Office of the Mayor
Subject: RE: Fully support the LRT.

Thank you Mr. Mayor.

(My comment was succinct as I thought I was merely signing a form of petition.) I will send a more detailed email to my councillor (Aiden Johnson).

Regards,
 Frank M Raso

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From: Office of the Mayor [mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca]
Sent: July-08-16 3:24 PM
To: ' ' '
Subject: RE: Fully support the LRT.

Hi Frank,

Thank you for your support of Hamilton's LRT project. I would encourage you to also call your ward Councillor's Office to let them know your views. If you are unsure who your Councillor is, let me know. You can also share information about LRT with your friends and family. All the information is posted at <http://www.hamilton.ca/lrt>.

I look forward to continued community engagement on the LRT!

Cheers,
 Fred

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Frank M Raso