From:

johnnyzero@

Sent:

May-17-16 1:32 PM

To:

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Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

Subject:

Build a solid foundation

Please vote yes to taking this free money to make our city better.

Jon Hodge

From:

mbirstein@

Sent:

May-18-16 9:22 AM

To:

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Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

Subject:

Build a solid foundation

Let's get this done. No more delays in positive growth for the city.

Mark Birstein

From:

jonandes@g

Sent:

May-18-16 9:24 AM

To:

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Subject:

Build a solid foundation

I strongly support LRT in the community. Just because LRT doesn't run in every neighbourhood doesn't mean it doesn't benefit them. A stronger city benefits all its neighbourhoods. This LRT line should be just the start... I look forward to see it one day run to stoney creek and to the airport.

John Fernandes

From:

dlethbridge@

Sent:

May-20-16 3:27 PM

To:

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Subject:

Build a solid foundation

Just because it is not in your backyard yet Ancaster, Dundas, Hamilton Mountain doesn't mean it won't be. It has to start somewhere and the heart of the city is a great place to start and start it must. Don't wait until the congestion is so bad and we are forced to build it without the \$1 billion from the province. I lived for 30 years in Toronto and the subway was just in the bottom core of the city. Now it goes all over. Hamilton will eventually extend our LRT to accommodate other areas of the city, but there has to be a starting hub. If it started in Ancaster, Dundas or the Mountain those areas would not be giving us grief. Get your heads out of the sand Councillors and do something good for this city on it's way to becoming an amazing place to live and visit. Are you just afraid of not being re-elected? Shame on you!

Dianne Lethbridge

From: Sent:

Jessekorgemaa@ May-24-16 6:22 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;

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Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

Subject:

Build a solid foundation

I can't fully express how excited I was to find out that there was going to be LRT passing by hour house. I was so excited and hopeful that King was finally going to see some revitalization with its new found connectivity. Now I can't tell you how disappointed I am to hear that it may not be happening.

Jesse Korgemaa

From:

mpanavas@

Sent:

May-24-16 6:24 AM

To:

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Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

Subject:

Build a solid foundation

It is beyond belief that city hall is balking at a 1 billion dollar leap into the future for our city. Is this to be another spat in the sandbox. Look at the big picture. Any city that has made the leap has reaped benefits. Downtown is a wasteland. Traffic zips by. Do not make us a national laughing stock yet again!!

mik panavas

From: Sent:

michelrayzarate@

To:

June-17-16 1:39 PM
Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria;

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Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

Subject:

Build a solid foundation

This is the right decision. For the future of Hamilton. Don't let an other excellent opportunity to improve our city pass us by.

Michel Ray-Zarate

From:

Russellglennwong@

Sent:

September-08-16 10:09 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;

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Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

Subject:

Build a solid foundation

Good for everyone

Russell Wong

From:

Cheryl.rn@s

Sent:

September-12-16 10:04 AM

To:

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Subject:

Build a Better Future

The time for debate is over. The time for action is now.

The right course for the future is clear.

The opportunity must not be lost.

Vote to support LRT and build a better future for our city, our current citizens, and those who will come because of this once in a generation opportunity.

Chery Evans

Cheryl Evans

From:

cheryl evans [cheryl.ri

Sent:

May-25-16 1:48 PM

To:

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; Merulla, Sam; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew

Subject:

Stop the Madness Now! Move Forward with LRT or Step Down

http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/news/wynne-surprised-by-lrt-debate-1.3598303

I need to express to all of you my disappointment, outrage, and frankly embarrassment that your actions are imperilling a once-in-a-generation opportunity to advance this city, improve the quality of life of its citizens, and bring economic opportunity for decades to come. The choice is simple: Hamilton either becomes a destination for young families, businesses, and others enlightened enough to see the immense opportunities presented by a reliable, effective, and innovative means of connecting people to parts of our city, or we sit on the sidelines while other cities seize this opportunity from us and enjoy its benefits while we wither.

This has been endlessly debated. Money has been offered, and sadly, repeatedly clarified and re-offered. I can't imagine there is much more tolerance for this level of incompetence, either from within the provincial government, or the citizens of this city. Either move this forward now, or step aside so others can.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Evans

Ward 1

From:

vermaatam@

Sent:

September-08-16 10:09 PM

To:

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Subject:

build a better city

We are having a very hard time trying to understand why there is hesitation on this at all. There will be head aches, nothing ever goes perfectly smoothly but this a "No Brainer". This city is so over due to have a transit system that will work for future generations. The current generation will find out just how great it is once all the dust is settled. Remember the politics before the Linc and Red Hill highways finally got finished. We can't imagine life without them now! Just check out some other cities where LRT systems works so well. Please get on with it.

Anna Vermaat

From:

aurguhart1@

Sent:

May-24-16 6:27 AM

To:

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Subject:

Build a better City!

I support the LRT

Anthony Urquhart

From:

Lorimoulden@

Sent:

May-24-16 1:33 РМ

To:

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Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

Subject:

Build a better city

I strongly feeling that the LRT will benefit our city! please do not throw away 1 billion dollars!

Lori Moulden

From: Sent:

les.szamosvari@r

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May-10-16 11:09 Aivi

To: Office of the Mayo Chad; Jackson, To Johnson, Brenda;

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Subject:

build a better city

I fully support the construction of our own LRT system.I have lived in, and visited, cities where there was a downtown line. I found that transit in these cities was efficient, even for someone who didn't know his way around. I believe that this project will help to make Hamilton a better city to live in. The disruption will be forgotten once the LRT is working. Think of Toronto when the Yonge Street subway line was being built. We can embrace this huge project.

Les Szamosvari

From:

malyse80@g

Sent:

May-13-16 1:43 PM

To:

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Subject:

build a better city

I would be okay with the province installing parking meters at shopping malls to pay for this. We must be weaned out of cars. We need to give up the mentality that we must build roads for the automotive industry.

Peter Malysewich

From: Sent:

Simonmangan@ May-14-16 1:12 PM

To:

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Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

Subject:

build a better city

I fully support LRT in Hamilton. I lived in a city during construction of an Lrt and used it afterwards. Well worth it.

And thanks for the funding Ontario.

Simon Mangan

From:

mufeiner@

Sent:

May-14-16 1:39 PM

To:

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Subject:

build a better city

LRT is the most critical and vital project leading to a renewal prosperity in Hamilton. All my neighbours, the neighbourhood community and my friends in Central Hamilton want this project to be implemented as soon as possible. We must defeat the Upper Hamilton councillors who have a very narrow vision and are only advancing their own interest at the expense of the benefits that the LRT would have for the entire city.

Sincerely,

M.F.

Matthias Feiner

From:

cheanuh@;

Sent:

May-17-16 6:08 AM

To:

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Subject:

build a better city

1..SO 5 Reasons---#1-Environment--Less cars downtown #2--Increased new business--more shopping choices---# less parking lots needed----potential for developing housing downtown---#4--More Live theatre and entertainment + fine dining--more inviting to Tourism----#5--- Increased mobility for seniors----Seniors could Live-Shop-Attend Theatres-Find services ALL in downtown within walking distance--Riding L.R.T. far superior to riding buses!

Eileen White

From: don\_curry@

**Sent:** May-17-16 11:03 AM

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Subject: Build a Better City

As a resident of ward 9, I strongly support the LRT project. The LRT project is more than a transit project. It is a city building project meant to spur development and investment in Hamilton. If we want to lower the burden on residential taxes, we have to seize this opportunity.

More importantly, we are planning for a Hamilton that will benefit our children and our grandchildren. Let's show our children that we can make bold decisions that transform this city into a future our children can be proud of.

Allan Curry

From: Sent:

justintwood@

Sent

May-17-16 1:31 PM

To:

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Subject:

build a better city

Would love to have light rail in da hammer.

Justin Wood Toronto

From: Sent:

miamacdonald@: May-17-16 9:23 PM

To:

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Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

Subject:

build a better city

I'm a taxpayer and I support this!!

Mia Macdonald

From: Sent:

abram.bergen.p@ May-17-16 9:23 PM

To:

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Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

Subject:

build a better city

Please do the right thing for the City and move us towards better public transit--more inclusive (not a mode 'for the poor' and those who can't afford a car, but for all residents), more efficient (we know light rail is more efficient at people moving than buses), more congruent with safe streets, pedestrian and cycling mobility (we can re-design our streets along with this project to better accommodate people, not just cars), and with smarter urban development (more intensification and mixed use will grow along the corridor)! Please stop stalling and backtracking and wavering, putting the wants of certain interests ahead of what is best for the City to move into the modern age!

Abram Bergen

From: Sent:

Cooke.andreaj@ May-18-16 9:21 Aw

To:

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Subject:

build a better city

PLEASE don't set Hamilton back by blocking this important initiative. This is such an important piece of the city's growth and revitalization.

Andrea Cooke

From:

mrnazar@

Sent:

May-18-16 9:22 AIVI

To:

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Subject:

build a better city

This is the best opportunity to invest in Hamilton's vibrant downtown core and to support the entire city.

marilyn nazar

From:

serafinidave@

Sent:

May-19-16 5:40 AIVI

To:

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Subject:

build a better city

#### Dear Council,

I ask you to remember why we decided to build an LRT at the outset of this process. Our transit system is an investment in future development that will allow for increased mobility options, more efficient land use, less pollution, and increased tax revenues. There will certainly be some inconveniences, but the construction of a modern rapid transit system will benefit the entire city in the long run. Even if the local ratepayers were paying a portion of the cost, it would still be a great idea. Turning down 100% capital funding from the province would be ludicrous. Please continue to support the LRT plan as you have in the past

David Serafini

From: Sent:

bradpipe72@

May-19-16 7:∠∠ AIVI

To:

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Subject:

build a better city

This is to good of an opportunity to pass up! I believe LRT will be transformative for Hamilton.

Brad Pipe

From: Sent:

Straylightrun@

Sent

May-19-16 1:55 PM

To:

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Subject:

build a better city

Let's accept the 1 billion dollars to build our future.

David Escobedo

From:

Djmathies@

Sent:

May-19-16 8: 19 PIVI

To:

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Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

Subject:

build a better city

Time to move forward on this

David Mathies St Catharines

From:

cousensv@y

Sent:

May-20-16 3:27 PM

To:

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Subject:

build a better city

Stay the course on the LRT. Stop waffling on every issue.

Valerie Cousens

From: Sent:

miekezwaan@

May-25-16 1:43 PM

To:

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Subject:

build a better city

Now is the time for LRT. This is a great investment in our city. We have the momentum, we are growing as a city..to sustain this we need to invest in the future. Let's move forward with vision and excitement for what is to come!

Mieke Aasman The time for LRT is now!

From: Sent:

Michelletorsney@ May-26-16 6:05 Aivi

To:

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Subject:

build a better city

Our city needs LRT! This is an investment in our future. I implore our city council to please stay the course. The evidence is clear that to continue our trajectory to be the amazing city that we can be we need to do two things:

develop our waterfront;

2) have a state of the art transportation system.

How do we fiinance this?

By attracting more tax paying citizens. The housing crisis in Toronto, the rise of the our arts community in Hamilton, and the increasing recognition of the desirability of walkable neighbourhoods will attract an influx of young urban tax payers. Our financial future depends on developing our urban centre and attracting young urban tax payers. Two car families and suburban living is generally not considered desirable by the under 40 age group. This is consistent with trends in Europe where LRT comfortably makes its way through architecturally interesting cities (think Dublin, Milan, Berlin, etc).

Our city is undergoing a major transformation. We seem to be a tale of two cities: urbanites and suburbanites. Urbanites are comfortable with and welcome public transportation. Suburbanites want garages for 2 cars and may not appreciate the urban sensibility. We can accommodate both kinds of thinkers. Ultimately though, we need to increase our tax base by attracting more taxpayimg residents and businesses. We need to transform our urban areas from abandoned, derelict spaces to livable, walkable, desirable urban living and working spaces. We live in unique, geographically amazing city. We will ALL benefit as a community as we ride the wave of transformation. An LRT system will attract much needed urban tax payers to realize the dream of a culturally and financially rich, sustainable community. We need LRT!

Michelle Torsney

From:

Icole2468@

Sent:

July-24-16 1:08 AIVI

To:

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Subject:

Build a better city

I am new to Hamilton from Toronto and this city needs better transportation options for people. If you do not want this city to go belly up like Detroit then expand and get a LRT system here. I work in Oakville but live in Hamilton, but I am going back to Toronto due to poor transportation here in Hamilton.

Linda Cole

From: Sent:

Heatherdwindatt@ May-24-16 6:30 AM

To:

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Subject:

Bring LRT to Hamilton

Please ensure that LRT comes to Hamilton. I support this wholeheartedly and would not want to see this investment from the province go to another city.

I lived for two years Portland, Oregon, and it has an LRT system. It was a fantastic way to get around. Let's learn from other cities that have LRT, and move this city forward!

Heather Windatt

From:

cebrown@

Sent:

May-19-16 1:55 PIVI

To:

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Subject:

Bring LRT to Hamilton

I already take the number 5 from Ancaster to downtown. Please make getting across the City faster and more comfortable by building the LRT in Hamilton. I own a VW TDI and would just as soon leave it in the driveway. Let's continue to bring creative prosperity to Hamilton.

Christine Brown

From: Sent: Shelley.mckay@: May-17-16 11:02 AM

To:

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Subject:

Bring it on!

LRT will not only benefit the immediate surrounding areas where it is built, it will lift the entire region by brining more jobs to the region, increase property values along the route and increase mobility throughout the region. Look to Minneapolis' Hiawatha LRT for a complete (and similar) success story! Bring it on!

Shelley McKay

From: Sent:

sarahnewman@c May-18-16 9:23 Aivi

To:

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Subject:

Bring Hamilton into the 21st Century

I rode the HSR to and from school every day of high school. When I moved to Ottawa two years ago to attend university, the first thing I noticed was the public transit; it is just so much better here. In my opinion, the O-Train LRT line is what cinches it.

An LRT would vastly improve transit in Hamilton, and make transit a more attractive option to commuters. Here in Ottawa, I ride the O-Train to school every day, and it is vastly superior to a bus -- it cuts my travel time down exponentially, it is a comfortable and smooth ride, it is always on time, as opposed to a buses reliance on good traffic. BRT lanes are an essential facet of al large city's transit plan but they are not a substitute for an LRT, monorail, or subway system. Ottawa's LRT allows me to live in an affordable neighbourhood farther away from my university, and still be able to make it to class in 30 minutes. I believe the same could be done for many areas in Hamilton, perhaps allowing downtown core residents to easily work in affluent Stoney Creek, or allowing McMaster students to easily live outside of pricey Westdale.

When I lived in Hamilton, I hated taking transit. Now that I have access to the O-Train LRT, it's fast and easy. Take Ottawa's example and don't turn down the \$1 billion LRT grant -- it's helping us build a shortcut to downtown right now.

Sarah Newman

From: Sent: diwakarmsharma@(May-13-16 10:11 AM

To:

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Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

Subject:

Break the slow dark stinky city stigma

Hamilton needs LRT to compete with other growing cities. This an opportunity for Hamilton to show courage and move along with betterment. Just for mere votes and individual benefit counselors should fully support this move.

Better public transportation is required, with lot of new construction our city is in dire need of it. We want our city to shine and be presentable and competitive with GTA and Toronto in particular.

Diwakar Sharma

From: Sent: mackrauss@

Sent

May-19-16 2:27 РМ

To:

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Subject:

Better infrastructure makes sense!

Why would you not invest in better public transit and forgo \$1B by other governmental bodies?

Armin Krauss

From: Sent: Nathan.j.kirk@ May-25-16 1:43 ⊬w

To:

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Subject:

Better for Everyone

How many times do we have to say 'yes' to this? Let's invest in infrastructure that has benefits for everyone. It absolutely matters how it's implemented, and there will be challenges but it's time to move forward and start creating good solutions. Endless debate is not the public service you think it is.

Nathan Kirk

From: Sent:

mary\_anne\_blain@ May-12-16 11:38 AM

To:

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Subject:

Be brave....move forward.

It is time that our city fathers/mothers stop procrastinating and get on with the task that the people elected you for. The LRT. This is for our future generations and it needs to be done now. Yes, there will be a few growing pains but we must stay committed and strong to this upgrade of our beautiful city for our future generations/citizens. We know that this will assist in our air quality with less vehicles running though the core. Be brave, more forward. This is a good thing.

Mary Anne Ablitt-Blain

From:

keith.jolie@

Sent:

May-26-16 6:05 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;

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Subject:

Be A Great City

I unreservedly support the development of rapid transit in Hamilton - It will be one of the most important infrastructure projects in the history of Hamilton.

You can look a little East across the lake and find out what hesitation on transit initiatives gets you. Years of nothing and the same. Act now, leave other cities behind. Be a great city.

Keith Jolie

From: Sent:

adamgallant6@4 May-18-16 9:21 AM

To:

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Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

Subject:

Be a City of progress.

To say that I would be disappointed in this City should the LRT not be built would be an understatement. Pivotal opportunities like this do not come often, and I would hate to see all the progress Hamilton has made slow or revert when the disappointed young professionals that have made this City so vibrant again are beat in the face with the ugliness that has kept it so stagnant for so long.

Adam Gallant

From:

Kevin@

Sent:

May-27-16 1:49 PM

To:

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Subject:

Back to the Future

Public transit is widely acknowledged as the future by ecologists, urban planners and climate scientists.

The billion dollar provincial grant is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to do the right thing and move forward with the progressive transformation of Hamilton.

I'm a downtown resident, business-operator and building owner, and I think it's time to get the LRT done!

Kevin MacKay

From:

Rmichal@

Sent:

May-16-16 7:21 AM

To:

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Subject:

Ancaster Resident Supports LRT

I live in Ancaster but this is good for Hamilton.

Rick Michal

From:

bronsard@

Sent:

September-13-16 2:13 PM

To:

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Subject:

An opportunity to take!

I believe that the LRT plans must stay on course! This will tremendously improve our town, and place Hamilton on the Map of well-planned and up and coming cities!

Lia Bronsard

From:

kandyo@

Sent:

September-27-16 12:23 PM

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Subject:

an incredible opportunity

I support LRT

kandy o

From: Sent:

wayne.baker@

May-11-16 7:05 AIVI

To:

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Subject:

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Light rail transit will help Hamilton become a city in which public transit will be considered a feasible alternative to the private automobile by people who are financially able to travel by car but will voluntarily travel in the city by public transit.

Wayne Baker

From: Sent:

phyllis.alfano@

Mav-11-16 11:56 AM

To:

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Subject:

an incredible opportunity

I am in full support of the LRT. The decision has been made, DO NOT hold Hamilton back as has been the case in previous years. DO NOT let a Billion dollars slip through the hands of a regressive city council. Let us proceed with the commitment to make Hamilton the great city that it was. Don't screw this up!!!

Phyllis Alfano

From:

jteal@:

Sent:

May-13-16 8:53 AM

To:

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Subject:

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If Hamilton is ever going to become a world class city, it must have a world class transit system and this must include the LRT.

Jeff Teal

From:

linsarte@

Sent:

May-14-16 1:22 PIVI

To:

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Subject:

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This is a big step into a better, brighter future for the city of Hamilton! Please, Premier Wynne, Mayor Eisenberger and Hamilton City Council: make this a reality.

I believe only great things can come from this investment.

Lindsay Sarte

From:

Gvarlow@

Sent:

May-14-16 1:22 PM

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Subject:

an incredible opportunity

Council needs to be looking to the future on this. We had the opportunity to do this 40 years ago and they were all so worried about not raising taxes that we lost the chance to make public transit great in this city.

Gillian Varlow

From:

pinho@

Sent:

May-16-16 7:19 AM

To:

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Subject:

an incredible opportunity

This is a no brainer, Billion Dollars that we will pay in taxes, regardless if LRT comes to Hamilton or not. LRT is needed for Hamilton to survive in the future, this will create so many jobs, not to mention once it is done, it will attract many corporations to move and invest in Hamilton.

Carlos Pinho

From:

neufeld.rudy@

Sent:

May-16-16 7:20 AM

To:

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Subject:

an incredible opportunity

Is it possible that our elected city council members are actually waffling about whether or not to use ONE BILLION DOLLARS offered from the Ontario government for the LRT? Hamilton is growing and beginning to thrive in so many ways. Let's all do what we can to keep this trend going full blast.

LRT works so well in so many other cities here in Canada and around the world. Let's get it done, and done right. Let's build it right out to the Eastgate Mall - the sooner the better. Our city and our environment will be greatly improved.

Rudy Neufeld

From: Sent:

tmcgregster@ May-16-16 1:34 كانا

To:

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Subject:

an incredible opportunity

Light Rail Transit is crucial for the future of Hamilton and our downtown revitalization. There may be some pain to get there Hamilton, yet it will be so worth it in the end. Let's keep our young people living, working and shopping in the downtown core while providing them ways to efficiently get around! 100% support from me for LRT!!

Tracy McGregor

From:

gamdere@

Sent:

May-17-16 6:08 AM

To:

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Subject:

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Hamilton would be crazy to pass on this.

Hamilton will remain in the transportation dark ages, while the Kitchener-Waterloos, Brampton-Mississaugas, Ottawas, and other communities move into the 21st century.

Passing on this will send a strong message to innovative, forward-thinking business not to establish themselves in Hamilton.

Derek Gamlem

From: Sent:

jedbrown2009@( May-17-16 6:08 AM

To:

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Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

Subject:

an incredible opportunity

The future is now!

Janice Brown

From:

cyberfarer@

Sent:

May-17-16 6:09 AM

To:

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Subject:

an incredible opportunity

"What is the difference between a living thing and a dead thing? In the medical world, a clinical definition of death is a body that does not change. Change is life. Stagnation is death. If you don't change, you die. It's that simple. It's that scary."

— Leonard Sweet

Sean Hurlev

From: Sent:

catherine.ahern@ May-17-16 9:22 PM

To:

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Subject:

an incredible opportunity

Please see this through in spite of it not being as popular with suburban voters.

Catherine Ahern

From:

harin.dalal@

Sent:

May-24-16 6:34 AM

To:

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Subject:

an incredible opportunity

There is a reason why it took 8 years to plan, asking for FULL funding, getting the FULL funding and launching a partnership to complete it.

Sometimes, good things in life have to wait, and Hamilton has waited long enough to take that 'extra mile'.

Please do this for Hamilton & Ontario #HamOnt. Thank you

Harin Dalal

From:

jason@

Sent:

May-31-16 5:04 PM

To:

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Subject:

an incredible opportunity

To me the waffling on this issue all comes down to political cowardice. Councilors are more concerned about how their vote and their actions will impact their re-election than they are about the future of Hamilton.

Yes, the construction is going to be inconvenient. Yes, it is going to impact local businesses (what major urban project doesn't?) but Hamilton needs to look to the future and take any opportunity to expand economically. Unfortunately, manufacturing is no longer a reliable avenue for supporting this city. We need a more modern infrastructure to continue to attract people moving here from Toronto and other parts of Ontario. Outside investment and relocation of young professionals into Hamilton will be our path to prosperity in the next few decades.

Jason Raynor

From: Sent:

Petra.art13@g

To:

June-02-16 9:29 PM
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;

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Subject:

an incredible opportunity

We moved back to Hamilton after living in Montreal for 4 years. In Montreal I always took public transit. It helped me develop relationships with my community and support local businesses. We need the LRT to make Hamilton more of a people culture and less of a car culture.

Petra Zantingh

From: Sent:

Maureenwbarnes@ June-13-16 11:51 AM

To:

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Subject:

an incredible opportunity

Look to the future of the city, we need to always be moving forward!

Maureen Barnes

From: Sent: brunofmeos@( July-31-16 8:02 PM

To:

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Subject:

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The future of Hamilton,

When many years ago, the first city administration proposed to close the main street, to transform it into a pedestrian mall, the majority of business on, and not only on the street protested vehemently against it. At that time, no town or city had executed such a project and there was no example in North America to refer to. The first planner of such a venture had to fight against all objections and counter argument to fight his way through and eventually 'imposed' the realization of a pedestrian commercial street.

There were hundreds of arguments against it, by business owners, city councillors and more. Once built, against all odds, the town woke up to a totally different reality. The street filled up with shoppers like never before and all the business owners were happy.

The next city that proposed to do the same came up against the same opposition but was able to convince the opponents by referring to the already successful example.

Many pedestrian malls have been built since then in North America, always against the initial opposition of the same kind.

In Hamilton, as much as I know, it never came to such a proposition. Not only that, the opposite happened: the original commercial streets were turned into five-lane, one-way roads, facilitating traffic, but chasing away business and commerce by turning the streetscape into an inferno for pedestrians, storekeepers, and inhabitants.

Many Hamiltonian's fled to upper Hamilton.

Since the introduction of pedestrian malls, many other urban planning ideas have been studied and explored, to improve communal living conditions, solutions to solve traffic congestion, air pollution, rapid transit, and especially to counter general urban decay.

Again, the first cities that introduced innovative solutions were hit by strong opposition, until, again, some courageous planners and politicians carried through the projects like building subways, LRT, pedestrian malls, bury hydro wires and subsidize renovation to generate urban renewal.

Again, other towns and cities had the possibility to learn from these pioneers and convince their constituents.

In Hamilton, we seem to be hard to convince. Many improvised 'planners' ignore carefully researched studies and dispute findings with questionable arguments, leaving the impression that any argument is good enough, just to be against any innovative project.

Not only in North America, with the unique problem of urban spread, but even in other parts of the world, planners and politicians have woken up to the reality that public, electric rapid transit systems on rail add, not only to accelerate displacement of the inhabitants but to create new bases for all kinds of improvements in the affected area. New housing, commerce, business, and industries are just some of the elements that add to the urban redevelopment.

Except for a small area in downtown Hamilton, streets are littered with abandoned business and badly maintained buildings and homes, not to mention empty lots throughout town and the omnipresent utility posts, occupying a great part of the sidewalk when there is one, and the

overhead wiring with a multitude of wires and transformer pots that devastate the streetscape.

What is there more for those not yet convinced, that Hamiltonians could start to look around and see what is happening in other cities and take a step forward in a new direction of innovative improvements. People go to Europe to admire beautiful cities, and yet, Hamilton is located in the midst of a gorgeous landscape with a great potential for improvement and the possibility to grow out of its grey, miserable abandonment.

Bruno Moos Hamilton

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From:

djfern73@g

Sent:

May-13-16 9:21 AM

To:

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Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

Subject:

An easy choice.

Let's do the math here:

\$1b in funding. Thousands of Jobs. Years of work for those workers. Decades of economic development. Increased property prices, increased property taxes, more revenue for the city. Better transit that can grow with the future needs of the city.

Choose wisely.

David Fernandes

From:

matt.hope@

Sent:

May-17-16 11:03 AIVI

To:

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Subject:

amazing what it can do for your town, let it happen

It would be absolutely ridiculous for the city Hamilton to not utilize this opportunity to have infrastructure added to the city of Hamilton especially with all of the PROS of implementing the LRT as it's been proven over and over again in other cites and towns in North America.

matt hope

From: Sent:

bdoroconsulting@ June-23-16 2:21 PM

To:

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Subject:

Amazing Opportunity for Hamilton

Public transit is the central nervous system to any major industrialized city...or one that wishes to be one, perhaps like the Ambitious City that Hamilton states it is. This is an incredible opportunity to breathe some life in to a city that has literally regressed over the past 20 years. I have been a proud Hamiltonian all my life, and witnessed many of City Hall's debacles over that time, however if this opportunity is squandered over political stick-handling, those responsible should be held individually accountable. The housing market is finally showing signs of life, but traffic is worse than ever as it is becoming primarily a bedroom community. Public transit will not only create jobs, but perhaps foster further development in areas that have been so depressed by losses in employment opportunities. Does anyone realize that the reason for the spike in real estate activity is primarily due to the proposed advances in public transit?

Ben Doro

From:

connect@

Sent:

June-13-16 1:36 PM

To:

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Subject:

All Ships Rise with the Tide

I am currently raising my family and running my home-based business on the Mountain in Hamilton. I have 2 income rentals and look to continue building more and eventually will have a "brick and mortar" location for my company.

As a mountain resident I believe that the city as a whole will benefit from this mechanism (LRT) that is sure to increase the overall downtown activity.

Though there may be short-term pain, we are all in this together for the inevitable long-term gain. All ships rise with the tide. Let's raise Hamilton's tide together.

Thank you.

Brad Dean

Brad Dean

From:

gleverton1@

Sent:

May-17-16 10:21 AM

To:

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Subject:

A vote for Hamilton's future

I feel that LRT will be a very positive step for Hamilton's economic growth. There will be some hardships and inconveniences for a segment of population as well but this should not derail a vital piece of infrastructure which is being paid for by the provincial government. Please vote for our future!

Gordon Leverton

From:

Nikolapatti@

Sent:

May-16-16 7:19 AM

To:

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Subject:

A vibrant and healthy city.

LRT will be good for an evolving Hamilton. In the end, worth the short term pain (for affected motorists and businesses) for the long term gain of attracting more residential infill and small business growth to the lower city and downtown. We want a walkable, transit efficient, shop filled, vibrant and healthy heart for the City of Hamilton.

Nikola Patti

From:

kha!200@l

Sent:

May-24-16 6:26 AM

To:

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Subject:

A sustainable ride to the future

LRT is the City's ride to the future! I fully support LRT

Khaled Shaaban

From:

idr1280@

Sent:

May-16-16 1:34 PIVI

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Subject:

A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they will never sit in - Greek

Proverb

There is no debate, we need this. Hamilton is going to be a major city in a few years and it's crucial that we avoid the major transportation issues cities like Toronto and Calgary are facing because they will cost 10 times as much in the future.

It's been proving time and time again. LRT is good for the people and it's good for business. Buses are not going to cut it.

A society grows great when old men plant trees whose shade they will never sit in - Greek Proverb

Jennifer Ridge

From: Sent:

tompkins.deb@: May-18-16 9:23 AM

To:

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Subject:

A Simple Request

I have a simple request. Please don't screw this up for me, for my children and other Hamiltonians, present and future. Please, Councillors, think bigger than your own ward. Represent what's best for your city.

Deborah Tompkins

From: Sent:

Adam.kappheim@ May-13-16 6:19 AM

To:

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Subject:

A return on investment you can't refuse!

It's so sad to see wavering on a historic opportunity! We need strong councillors who will stand up for Hamilton and be a vehicle of change that supports our community and our image in the province. Very rarely does an influx of money from the province provide an opportunity to create a bastion of intensification and sustainable development, and provide the opportunity to replace a great deal of critical, ageing infrastructure at no cost to the municipality. That is a return on investment you can't turn your nose up at! Remember that the rejuvenation goes more than skin deep, there are water, sewer, storm, hydro, communications and gas assets that will get replaced as part of this and ensure the city continues to run smoothly well into the future! Please unite as a city, leave the NIMBY and fear of the unknown at the door and see that this kind of transformation benefits ALL of the city.

Adam Kappheim

From: Sent: Racquel simpson@ May-25-16 8:14 AM

To:

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Subject:

A progressive and relevant city

I strongly believe that LRT is an efficient and needed means of transportation for the city of Hamilton. It is detrimental in enabling us to be a progressive and competitive city. Modern, fast and efficient means of transportation is key in retaining and attracting talented, bright minds who are considering where to live, work and play.

Racquel Simpson

From:

dpn@

Sent:

May-10-16 1:43 PM

To:

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Subject:

A NO-BRAINER

I fully support the LRT project and encourage all Councillors to firmly reaffirm Council's support for this City-changing project. If any of them are still in doubt, I urge them to travel to any world city that has I have a system (eg Amsterdam, Dublin and many many more). They will see for themselves what a transformative positive sophisticated lift it gives those cities. Please embrace the opportunity to give our rising city a comparable lift!

Dermot Nolan

From: Sent: Andrewhibma@ May-24-16 6:21 AM

To:

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Subject:

A new path for the next century

LRT will be a critical turning point for our city, a great equalizer that brings people together, making transit not just the option for those with less income, but the best option for everyone to get across the city. Council, don't pass up a once in a century opportunity to transform our city. Build a better Hamilton for everyone. The century of the car is about to end, let's set a new urban design goal for the next 100 years.

Sincerely

Andrew Hibma
Executive Director, New Hope Community Bikes

Andrew Hibma

From:

Sandra and Fort Roberto [Therobertos@]

Sent: To: September-01-16 11:04 AM Skelly, Donna; Office of the Mayor

Subject:

A couple of things...

#### Dear Councillor Skelly:

Laurels to you for your plans to make Upper James St. more pedestrian friendly. I read the article in the Mountain News, Thur. Aug. 25 and this household completely agrees with you. I just came from Upper James and it is like walking along a mini highway. I can't wait to see the changes in the coming years.

There is another street here on the Southeast Mountain that could also use some beautification, Eleanor Avenue. I cycle and drive on this rad daily and it is number on my list of the Worst Road in Hamilton. Part of the road was reconstructed last year, 2015. But, the work was so badly done, that most of it had to be repayed this past spring. They did manage to put a sidewalk on the west side, but there was no curb put in on the east side. It is dangerous in the winter time, to add insult to injury, two speed bumps were put in within a distance of less than 400 metres. I think this is overkill. This street runs from Stonechurch Rd. East to one block south of Rymal Rd. In that short distance, when travelling south, there are two all ways stop signs and the above mentioned speed bumps. The remaining 2/3 of this street is a disaster. The pavement is cracked, there are no sidewalks, vehicles park on both sides of the road, there are school buses that use it and the curve at the south end is a dangerous one with poor sightlines and too much parking. People walk and jog here, walk with dogs and kids ride their bikes and play on the street. Overall it is a very unsafe street in my humble opinion. I have heard through the grapevine that the residents like the rural setting. It is time to upgrade the rest of this street to modern standards. Most rural roads put Eleanor Avenue to shame. I'm sure there are plans to reconstruct the rest of the Eleanor Avenue in the near future and hopefully, they will do a better job than was done in 2015. Curbs need to be put in to stop vehicles from ending up in ditches. This an urban part of the City after all.

On another topic, both my wife Sandra and I are in favour of the proposed LRT. We will probably move downtown in a few years as we age and will probably get rid of our vehicle. Public transport will be important for us. We have seen how well LRT works in European cities and here in North America. It is time for this City to move up to modern ways of public transit. We know where you stand on this topic, so we will agree to disagree on this file.

Regards,

Fort Roberto

cc Mayor Fred Isenburgher

From: Sent:

Nadineubl@

Sent

May-24-16 6:27 AM

To:

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Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com

Subject:

100% Support from me for the LRT.

I support the LRT 100%. The impact to our city during the building process will be a small price to pay for the immeasurable benefit Hamilton will see once it is complete. As a Hamilton resident and multiple business owner, I am in full support!!

Nadine Ubl

From: Sent:

brendan.jay.simons@: May-20-16 2:58 PM

To:

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Subject:

3 strong arguments to support LRT

My support of LRT stems from 3 places:

1) Hamilton's competitive advantage is it's unrealized downtown potential - something no other city in the GTHA has. LRT will help attract students, knowledge workers, and unique retail to move in along the corridor.

2) More than a third of our carbon emissions come from transportation. (<a href="https://dr6j45jk9xcmk.cloudfront.net/documents/3618/climate-change-report-2014.pdf">https://dr6j45jk9xcmk.cloudfront.net/documents/3618/climate-change-report-2014.pdf</a>) The single most effective way to meet our climate change goals is to encourage citizens to take transit. This won't happen overnight, but something as attractive as LRT can shift a lot of people's choices. Transit has to be something people \*want\* to take, not something that only serves those that \*have\* to take it.

3) It's a billion friggen dollars. Let's not be stupid here.

Brendan Simons

From:

craig@

Sent:

May-24-16 2:17 PM

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Please say yes to one billion, it is more for our city than zero billion.

Craig Burley

From: Sent:

kmkennedy4@

Sent To: May-18-16 9:22 AM
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Subject:

[\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]It's Time to Take Advantage of this opportunity and build LRT

It would be a huge mistake for city council to turn down the funding offered for LRT to modernize the city.

In addition, city council MUST also find dollars and ways to improve the existing transit service, particularly on the Mountain as well as travel to and from downtown.

Kathleen Kennedy

From: Sent:

jake.stief@

May-17-16 9:22 PIVI

To:

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Johnson, Paul; Andrew.Hope@metrolinx.com [\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]it's time to get serious

Subject:

As a recent MBA graduate, and young professional currently planning a move to Hamilton from Toronto, I whole heartedly support this LRT investment. The future growth of this amazing city depends on a solid foundation of public transportation infrastructure. Looking forward to making #hamont my home.

Jacob Stief

From: Sent:

moore.peter1974@g May-14-16 1:22 PM

To:

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Subject:

Hamilton has turned down funding for rapid transit before. In 1981, the City said no to an elevated rapid transit line connecting Jackson Square to Limeridge Mall; this is the same technology used to great effect in Vancouver aka the Skytrain.

Please don't turn down this opportunity again. Not only will we be able to move more people across the city but studies show that it will attract great ridership than BRT, be cheaper to operate than BRT and increases property values along the line.

That seems like a pretty good deal to me and I live nowhere near the proposed line and may never use it, frankly. But then I'm looking at the big picture, at what would help this city as a whole.

Say no to status quo.

Peter Moore

From: Sent:

tigcox@g

Sent

May-18-16 9:24 AM

To:

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Subject:

[\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]it's time to build LRT

LRT should have been built long ago - because it's 2016!

Catherine Cox

From:

mufeiner@

Sent:

May-10-16 11:11 AM

To:

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Subject:

As a resident in Central Hamilton I urge you to finalize the steps needed to assure funding will be irreversibly in place for the Hamilton LRT. Hamilton LRT will be a catalyst for this city to become an attractive place to live for future generations. A modern and competitive city requires efficient and a good balance of transportation options. LRT is a win-win-win for all Hamiltonians, the city and the province as it will attract new residents, new developments and prosperity, which will result in a larger tax base, more jobs and will facilitate a transition from old industrial to a modern economy.

Sincerely

M.F. Hamilton resident

Matthias Feiner

From: Sent:

laura.cassian@ May-10-16 2:14 г/м

To:

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Subject:

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We live near Main and Kenilworth and are excited for better transit options to downtown, McMaster and the waterfront. It's a no-brainer!

Laura Cassian-Black

From: Sent:

Bob.Berberick@ May-16-16 7:22 Avvi

To:

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Subject:

We have been offered an incredible opportunity to start the modernization of our transit system. In addition, we will be afforded major infrastructure improvements (sewers, resurfacing etc) with no increase in local taxes.

This is also a fantastic opportunity to redevelop an area of the city that has been somewhat depressed for a long period of time.

Bob Berberick

From: Sent:

roeert.emmet.connolly@ October-03-16 10:10 PM

To:

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Subject:

[\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]It's Hamilton's time

It's time for Hamilton to join the ranks of modern cities with up-to-date public transportation.

Robert Connolly

From: Sent:

tom.belshaw@

May-10-16 11:07 AIVI

To:

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Subject:

It's about time that this City of Hamilton enters the 21st century. The smaller City of Kitchener-Waterloo has NOW half completed their LRT WITHOUT full funding from the province....That city has to fund a third of the cost ON THEIR OWN. Their city politicians are on the ball more so than our people at Hamilton City Hall..LETS ALL GET ON BOARD & get this done NOW & not wait for a future Ontario Government to CANCEL the total funding we now have.We should NOW StART the needed new infrastructure construction( water & sewers ) which must be done before any tracks are laid.....There will be a lot of disruptions of course during this massive construction process...a lot of people on the route will be upset but the result WILL BE WELL worth it....Just look at how successful the one in Calgary has become.....YES ENOUGH OF THE GAMES.....Thanks for the opportunity to express myself.....TOM

Tom Belshaw

From:

vkivell@

Sent:

May-10-16 11:10 AIVI

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Subject:

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I support LRT for Hamilton !

Virginia kivell

From: maryclaire.jobs@
Sent: maryclaire.jobs@
May-11-16 10:55 Aivi

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I think that this is an substantial step forward in the effort to make public transportation efficient and modern. I walk around Hamilton a lot, and see many changes, and believe that it will only improve the convenience and efficiency that public transit needs to be to allow improvements in the environment and transition to a better, robust economy. The need to invest in public transit is crucial if we wish to progress. This is an era of discouraging young people from investing in privatized automobiles and encouraging investing and using public transit systems. These systems are cost effective and environmentally friendlier than the alternitives, so it is important that we all keep this in mind and make this fantastic initiative succeed.

Kelly Greenaway

From: Sent:

bradbstapleton@( May-24-16 6:26 Aivi

To:

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Subject:

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Maintaining the status quo is simply unacceptable for the City of Hamilton. A diversified public transit System is the backbone of a vibrant city. It's outrageous that Council is even considering scrapping this.

**Brad Stapleton** 

From: Sent:

mmevanhiel@ May-13-16 7:29 AM

To:

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Subject:

[\*\*\*\*POSSIBLE SPAM]enough of the games

I'm upset with my city councilor for his opposition to the LRT plan. We need to improve our city's infrastructure and this is the best current proposal for doing it. Stop the political posturing and get the LRT built, now while we have the money! Hamilton has had the experience several times of looking gift horses from the province in the mouth, until the province withdraws the offer - always to our own detriment. We want this. Build it already!

Erin van Hiel

From:

Gary Siwak

Sent:

September-21-16 9:24 PM

To:

Johnson, Brenda; Office of the Mayor; Johnson, Aidan; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson,

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Cc:

LRT Office

Subject:

A real LRT option

#### To Councillors

I will apologize now if this letter is all over the place but I have numerous concerns that I want to express.

My first concern is the lack of vision by this council and previous councils. It is about time you start working as a group and corporation and not individual little businesses trying to make your ward the best ward to live in. Decisions being made are not in the best interest of the city as a whole. It might get you re-elected in your ward but at what expense. The vision has to be 30, 40, 50 years out and not just the next election.

Let's start with the LRT. This is a great idea but it has to be integrated with the whole transit system including Go Transit and the HSR. As a city we should be telling Metrolinx where we want the line built.

If this city is to grow, the growth is going happen with the employment lands at the airport. If you look around every other city has grown and surpassed Hamilton. Mississauga, Richmond Hill, Vaughn, Barrie, Brampton and others. So if we want to grow we have to get the airport lands accessible for employers and employees. It will be the cog that drives the engine. The LRT should run from the airport down to the new Go Station. It wouldn't stop there but continue down to the bay and then head east along Barton. This would be the second leg of the LRT.

Along with the LRT going from the airport the city should be after the province to build a huge parking lot for the GO riders. A train could run from the airport express to the new go station and then riders can connect to the existing trains. This will also alleviate traffic on the 403 which is getting worse and worse. This has to happen as Go Transit riders are not going to drive into downtown Hamilton to catch the Go Train. There is nowhere to park and it would be crazy getting in and out of this station. The reason the parking lots at Aldershot and other Burlington stations keep expanding is there is no other option but to drive there. We need to get the drivers off the highway before they head down the 403 hill. Having public transit running down to Pier 7/8 will also help with planned Urban Design.

On a side note the city should be aware of the wear and tear that is happening on the country roads Book, Glancaster and Twenty Road. When the 403 is backed up, which is every morning, drivers are getting off at the highway 6 by-pass and taking Book to Glancaster to either Twenty Road or Rymal. None of these streets are capable of handling this traffic. I could go on about the poor planning of this city and how growth happens before the infrastructure is in place. I still can't believe that Upper Sherman and West 5<sup>th</sup> is still a country road with no sidewalks or proper infrastructure. And a school is being planned at Upper Sherman and Rymal with no

sidewalks anywhere. This is short sighted and wrong. Rymal Road in this area will be another mess just like it was at the new Bishop Ryan School. I digress.

Once the A-line is installed the city can then look at expanding the LRT east and west. As stated earlier Barton is the best choice to run east & west. This is a depressed area that can use all the help it can get from politicians to regenerate this street. Wouldn't it be nice to be able to have visitors come into Hamilton on the GO train, transfer to the LRT and be able to get to Tim Hortons Field. Or Wild Waterworks. As of today anyone coming in probable drives as there really isn't a viable option with public transit. The LRT would stop at Centennial Parkway. A third line would then be built from Barton & Centennial that would run back south into the village of Binbrook. If your vision is 50 years out, which it should be, then we all know that a new highway will run across the top of the mountain from Fort Erie through Hamilton and on to the Kitchener Waterloo area. This will create a loop around our great city.

After the A-line from the airport is built we can look at HSR. The HSR has not changed in 50 years. I can never understand why we have 8 buses running up and down the Jolley Cut and all of them going to the same place. Are you telling me that there isn't a more efficient model than this? It is crazy that in the middle of the day with a handful of people on a bus that 8 of them continue to run up and down the Jolley Cut. Once the LRT is in place a transfer point will happen at the top of the mountain where everyone will transfer to the LRT and then down the hill to the city. You can then redesign the routes on the mountain to make them more efficient. It takes approximately 90 minutes to go from Upper Kenilworth to Wilson Street in Ancaster. No wonder no one wants to ride the bus.

The bottom line is that whatever decision is made should be made thinking about the complete transit system and not just the new LRT line. I will state that the King Street option is the last place I would put this line. There is already thriving businesses on this street and it is well on its way to be revitalized. The LRT on King Street just doesn't do anything to help this city grow and alleviate traffic.

We don't need to accept the 1 billion just for the sake of accepting 1 billion. If we really are interested in growing this city then stop and think and plan where we anticipate being in 50 years.

Thank you for allowing me to share my vision,

Gary Siwak

From:

Tammer Abouhussein [tammerab@g

Sent:

June-09-16 6:48 PM Office of the Mayor

To: Subject:

Against the LRT

I am against the LRT.

It will only benefit a small amount of people and cause a lot of delay for the majority.

Not everyone has a job where Public Transit will ever be a viable option and government needs to understand this.

My suggestion is build a subway.

Regards, Tammer

From:

Dennis Martin [dmartin3279@

Sent:

August-23-16 10:34 AM

To:

letters@thespec.com

Cc:

Johnson, Brenda; Office of the Mayor; aiden, johnson@hamilton.ca; Farr, Jason; Green, Matthew, Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; Jackson, Tom; Skelly, Donna; Whitehead, Terry; Conley, Doug; Pearson, Maria; Ferguson, Lloyd; VanderBeek, Arlene; Pasuta, Robert;

Partridge, Judi; kwynne.mpp@liberal.ola.org

Subject:

Burlington GO a go this fall

This article is another warning that Metrolinx cannot deliver anything on time and on budget. Two years late and 45% over budget on a project originally forecast to be \$13.8 million. Imagine how badly they can do on the LRT project forecast to take 5 years at a cost of \$1 billion. We taxpayers are going to get raked over the coals once again should this project proceed! What does it take for politicians to realize that this totally unnecessary project will drain taxpayers pockets forever?

Dennis Martin

Sent from my iPad

From:

James Buss [jdbuss@

Sent:

August-23-16 8:31 PM

To:

Whitehead, Terry; Office of the Mayor

Subject:

CBC.ca: City wants to spend \$36M in transit money from feds on new 'bus barn'

Follow Up Flag: Flag Status:

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I am disgusted to read that the City is planning on spending money on a "bus barn" when the transit system needs upgrades now. Most people don't park their cars in a garage, so the buses don't need a garage either.

Pave a surface lot and park the buses there. Build your barn after you've fixed our transit.

The College bus route is my bus route, but it is probably one of the worst routes in the City. While on paper it looks like it runs every 15 minutes, 20 minutes off peak, and 30 minutes in the evenings, the reality is that the bus only runs every 30, 40, or 60 minutes because one trip from downtown services West 5th and the second trip from downtown services Garth St. I don't take the bus unless I have to because I either get to work way too early or way too late and have to leave work either way too early or way too late.

For anyone south of Limeridge (and there are a lot of us now south of Limeridge), the wait times for a bus are double anywhere else. And if you happen to live north of Limeridge, south of Sanatorium, between Upper Paradise and West 5th, you have no bus service at all without a long walk to Mohawk, Garth, Limeridge, West 5th or Upper Paradise.

I have been critical of the LRT being the right tool in the wrong place. We already have excellent service from Eastgate to McMaster on the B-Line bus. There's not much you could do (other than transit priority signals and maybe add another bus or two to prevent overcrowding at certain times of the day) to improve on it. It seems like we're putting a lot of money to move people on an already excellent service. However, pro-LRT people tell me to wait. Once LRT is built and the money starts flowing in, the City will have the money to improve other transit. But why do we have to wait 10-15 years for improved transit? Why can't we spend money that the Feds want to give us now on improving transit so that it properly links into the LRT and gets everyone in the City around in the City easily and quickly?

P.S. On the LRT issue, I would prefer to see a north-south LRT connecting airport lands to the waterfront GO. If the airport lands is indeed where we want development to be, we will need a way to get people to their jobs at the airport lands. They say LRT should spur growth. Well wouldn't that be a great incentive to move your business or start your business out by the airport, if your employees could easily get to work and to GO service?

James Buss Hamilton Mountain

From:

douggrinyer@

Sent:

May-18-16 4:1/ PM Office of the Mayor

To: Cc:

Merulla, Sam

Subject:

Fw: Food for thought for our City Council

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Our politicians forget a lot about the railway in the street! This is really just updated technology from the late 1890's, not something really new, just a sleek looking vehicle. In around 1951, the city had the streetcars removed and the tracks ripped up. The HSR also dabbled in the trolley buses for a few years and finally gave up on all of this futility.

All that any "thinking" person has to do is look to the "wonderful" time that Toronto is having with its fleet of "old technology" that even causes their latest cars to have their air brakes freeze up last winter as well as other problems. They even have difficulty with their subway system. Then, who do they call? The BUSES of course because they seldom fail in their job of transporting people to work etc.

Toronto is suing Bombardier for not delivering the streetcars that they have had on order for some time now. How many years will Hamilton have to wait for a few LRT vehicles? It struck me as being odd that Metrolinx will not only "own" these vehicles but will also run the system. It's a fool's paradise to think that the fares will be low at around the same price as the buses and only to find that it will likely be closer to \$5.00 each trip!

Another thing that the city needs to do is to STOP beautifying the downtown core around Gore Park. They have been doing this continually for decades including the widening of the sidewalks on King St. The horses have left the barn! The largest part of the original retail sector downtown have left the core long ago. There are few of the stores in business now that were active even twenty years ago.

They talk about wanting to "preserve" the architecture of the Gore Park area but then allowed the beautiful Birks building to be destroyed and the familiar "clock" disappeared.

Where is Eaton's, Robinsons, Woolworths, The Right House and all of the businesses that made it attractive to visit and shop downtown? It seems that the billion dollars that the Province has to borrow has clouded the minds and vision of City Council. What a pity.

The proposed system would have people having to walk upwards of a kilometer just to catch a ride on one of these wonders of the world. Much greater distance that the existing bus system. Buses are more reliable, flexible to be able to detour an accident scene if necessary, and do not require the extensive overhead wires and power plants along the route. Another maintenance item to deal with and as Toronto is doing right now, having to replace these rails over time causing even more disruption!

The best scenario would be to just buy some new buses that are able to do the job that we need them to do and they would belong to the City of Hamilton, not Metrolynx! It would be no great problem to have a route to go to the GO station down James St. North. It seems that our politicians keep on creating problems where none exist and Metrolynx could go into receivership along with the Wynne government once they are "cut off" by the lenders who are already owed over \$300 Billion borrowed by the province! Then what?

I forwarded this to Andrew Dreschel of the Spectator to use any or all of this information.

From:

William A Warnick [wwarnick@

Sent:

September-13-16 10:09 AM

To:

Matthew Van Dongen

Cc:

LRT Office; Johnson, Aidan; VanderBeek, Arlene; Johnson, Brenda; Collins, Chad; Farr, Jason; Conley, Doug; Office of the Mayor; Partridge, Judi; Ferguson, Lloyd; Pearson, Maria;

Green, Matthew; Pasuta, Robert; Merulla, Sam; 'City of Hamilton Scott Duvall Ward 7';

Whitehead, Terry; Jackson, Tom

Subject: Attachments: FW: Many question need to be answered NOW Light Rail Transit or Little Real Transparency.docx

Hi Matthew,

I read your article in The Spec this morning. Good article

It brings up a lot of questions. First, I don't buy the 3 to 5 million dollars for the Longwood bridge. I bet you it will come out at least ten times that when finished.

If the City in 2014 or whenever was offered one billion dollars to build the LRT, did the province or the City have any rational idea of what it would cost?

I.e. They have now added a tunnel on King St. (CPR) tracks at Gage and a new Longwood bridge. I believe the James St section was not part of the original plan. I could be wrong here. I can see these items (bridge and tunnel) alone costing between 100 and 150 million to build; especially the tunnel! The city/Metrolinx says this will fall within the one billion dollar budget given by the province. If that is so, why was the original budget one billion dollars when it could/should have only been 850 to 900 billion since these items were not thought of originally?

Why has this project gone so far forward before learning of these problems? I believe these items should have been resolved before a dollar figure was determined. These items are not surprise items like cave ins or factors that could not be predetermined! I am no engineer so I will leave it up to others to correctly price these items, but please let's get a hold of the cost before a shovel goes into the ground or we reach a point of no return.

What would the city have done with the additional funds, or worse yet are we going to see very expensive overruns?

It seems that every time something new comes up the answer we get is that it will fall within the original budget!!!

It is fine for Metrolinx and our current council and staff to spout out a lot of propaganda, but it will be others who will have to answer for today's mismanagement and future expenses. Today's people will be retired, dead, or hopefully defeated before the real problems reveal themselves.

Is this going to be another Tim Horton's stadium where the cost and concerns never stop because the construction is poor due to cost overruns?

Please do an article on this??

I did get an email from Metrolinx this morning assuring me they would answer my many questions within a day or two. Let's hope!

Thanks Bill Warnick

From: William A Warnick [mailto:

Sent: Monday, September 12, 2016 9:59 PM

To: 'Irt@hamilton.ca'

**Cc:** 'City of Hamilton Aidan Johnson Wrd 1'; 'City of Hamilton Arlene VanderBeek Wrd 13'; 'City of Hamilton Brenda Johnson Wrd 11'; 'City of Hamilton Chad Collins Ward 5'; 'City of Hamilton Councllor Jason Farr Ward 2'; 'City of Hamilton Doug Conley Wrd 9'; 'City of Hamilton Eisenberger'; 'City of Hamilton Judi Partridge Wrd 15'; 'City of Hamilton Lloyd Ferguson Wrd 12'; 'City of Hamilton Maria Pearson Wrd 10'; 'City of Hamilton Matthew Green Wrd 3'; 'City of Hamilton Robert Pasuta Wrd 14'; 'City of Hamilton Sam Merulla Ward 4'; 'City of Hamilton Scott Duvall Ward 7'; 'City of Hamilton Terry Whitehead Ward 8'; 'City of Hamilton Tom Jackson Ward 6'; 'CHCH NEWS'; 'CHCH Pamela Vanmeer'; 'Spectator Hamilton Dana Brown'; 'Spectator Hamilton Editor'; 'Spectator Matthew Van Dongen'

Subject: Many question need to be answered NOW

Hello all,

This email is addressed to LRT information.

It is my hope that these answers are available before their local information sessions are completed. If not by then, when with the City have another chance to answer what I consider to be questions of primary importance to this project.

With thanks

William A. Warnick

JohnAParente@

Sent:

July-31-16 12:56 PM

To:

Jackson, Tom; Pearson, Maria; Ferguson, Lloyd; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad;

scot.duvall@hamilton.ca; Office of the Mayor; Whitehead, Terry; Partridge, Judi; Johnson,

Brenda; Office of the City Manager; Farr, Jason

Subject:

Fwd: FW: LRT QUESTIONS : OBJECTIVE AND BASIC QUESTIONS

I received this from a friend and I thought maybe our City representatives might be able to answer these questions which are important for Council to consider before we embark on the LRT.

The additional questions I have are these:

- 1. Have the developers supported the LRT?
- 2. Why not have a referendum since Council may not be 100% supportive?
- 3. Since we have many more pressing needs for our City (infrastructure) why can't we make the case to get all or part of the \$1 billion to defray the costs of those more urgent needs? (Part of those needs also include transportation improvements)

Our City is at the crossroads of picking up \$1 billion (part of which was paid by City taxpayers) and we must make our case to the Province to use our entitlement to improve City needs. The LRT may or may not be one of those needs. So it is important that we deal with these many questions before advancing the LRT plan!

# <u>Attempt Number 3 to have this Letter published in The Spec</u>

Previously Submitted on July 15<sup>th</sup> and July 25<sup>th</sup> to <u>letters@thespec.com</u> but never published .

Some Basic and Objective LRT Questions that need answers ASAP:

- where are all of the actual Growth Nodes located along the LRT Route and how many net-developable acres are there, excluding any lands located in the Downtown Core, as these lands have and will continue to benefit from the generous financial stimuli and incentives offered by the City already without the LRT
- has the cost to aquire all the required properties along the LRT Route been determined and if so , has it been factored into the \$1 Billion Dollars? If not , who pays it?
<ul> <li>what is the plan/strategy for dealing with the land owners unwilling to sell their properties? Will expropriation be required and who pays for this and what is the estimated cost and has this cost been factored into the \$1 Billion?</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>what is the plan for the handling of any class action law suits that may arise from the businesses located along the LRT which are adversely affected? Who pays for this?</li> </ul>
- how was the "estimated" \$1 Billion Price Tag for LRT determined and was this price based on detailed engineered drawings ?
- what happens if the "estimated" price tag comes in at $$1.4$$ billion or even $$2.5$$ billion , who pays the difference ?
- what are the projected annual operating costs for the LRThas this been calculated and who pays this ?
- has a detailed ridership study been undertaken to prove that ridership will increase on the LRT vs. current HSR ?
- if it is actually determined that more people will ride the LRT than current HSR, will it be enough of an increase in ridership to justify the immense cost to build and the related upheaval it will cause?
- can the \$1 billion dollars be re-allocated to other infrastructure projects or is it only for the LRT and this is unequivocally non-negotiable at the Province's behest ?

<ul> <li>how do the LRT Tracks affect the ever increasing use of bicycles along the route?</li> </ul>
- how will Main Street and King Street's well documented Synchronized Green Light System be affected by the LRT , as Hamilton is highly regarded for the efficiency of vehicular traffic flow along Main and King Streets ?
- with the on-set of electric and self-driving cars and buses , will the LRT be obsolete by the time it is started or completed ?
- if the LRT was a Stock Deal ( IPO ) , would investors buy this Stock , based on the information that is availabe to date ?
- would a Region-Wide Referendum be supported on this major investment , but only after all the questions above (plus many more) are answered ?
- (some of these questions may have been previously answered)

From:

JohnAParente@aol.com May-17-16 1:25 PM

Sent: To:

Office of the Mayor

Subject:

Re: LRT?

Mr Mayor I hope you are right but everyone I talk to do not share your optimism yet! Simply stated they do not see the need especially when we have so many other matters that need money such as our deteriorating infrastructure. Historically we went with street cars to electrical buses to gas buses and now we want to go back to a sleek streetcar unlike the Beltline that served the entire lower old city. The primary rational for the LRT seems to be based on the fact that it is a so called gift from the Province! (Even though much of the money came from Hamilton taxpayers). The only benefit seems to be that going the whole route saves users about 4 or 5 minutes! A report from McMaster indicated that there would not be development arising because of the LRT from Wellington to the east? Again, surely, if we really need money for our numerous problems (infrastructure, Red Hill widening etc) the City could make a sound case that we do not need an LRT now BUT we do need money to look after the numerous problems currently facing the City that we cannot afford to do without punishing our taxpayers further!

In a message dated 5/17/2016 1:00:53 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, <a href="mayor@hamilton.ca">mayor@hamilton.ca</a> writes:

Hi John,

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

Fred Eisenberger Mayor City of Hamilton 905-546-4200 @FredEisenberger From: JohnAParente@aol.com [mailto:JohnAParente@aol.com]

Sent: Monday, May 16, 2016 9:27 AM

**To:** Jackson, Tom; Pearson, Maria; Ferguson, Lloyd; Merulla, Sam; Collins, Chad; <a href="mailto:scot.duvall@hamilton.ca">scot.duvall@hamilton.ca</a>; Office of the Mayor; Whitehead, Terry; Partridge, Judi; Johnson, Brenda; Office of the City Manager; Farr, Jason

Subject: LRT?

If it is any help for you I and all my friends do not believe that Hamilton "needs" the LRT. A referendum may be Councils best way to tackle this problem. It is true that it looks like a gift from the Province, but, if that is the only reason we should do it (forgetting that Hamiltonians paid for part of that money) Hamiltonians will have to continue paying for the Provincial deficits.

If Hamilton makes the case that the LRT will not benefit Hamilton surely it can justify getting some of the (throw away money) to deal with our failing infrastructure creating jobs for our citizens!?

From: Sent:

Doug J Ogden [dougjogden@

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To: Subject: August-05-16 3:50 PM Office of the Mayor Fwd: Light Rail Transit

Att'n! His Honor, Mr Fred Eisenberger

----- Forwarded message ------ From: "Doug J Ogden" <douglogden@

Date: Aug 5, 2016 3:44 PM Subject: Light Rail Transit

To: "Councilor Ward 3 (Mathhew Green)" < mgreen@hamilton.ca>

Cc:

Dear Sir. LRT should go from the Mount Hope airport, along Up James, through the downtown core, to the new north end GO stn. If you insist on East to West, it should go all the way to Eastgate, or "SCRAP" it! The people who designed this to end at the traffic circle must live in the Antarctic; they think to have something is better than to have nothing, apparently. They should come here and travel that corridor, several times at least. The traffic circle is "NOT" a destination! That is a very definite "NO GO"! Will You, or anyone else, take the train from Mac, or the Core, to the Circle to have a TH coffee, or, buy a bottle? The entire population of this city thinks "NOT"! There is almost nothing there, and not likely to be in the next ten years. "We are not all fools, all of the time"! This matter "MUST" go to a full public referendum right away! Your first vote last greatly disappointed me; don't do the same again, please! N to S would make much better sense in that it would cover people arriving by air. You could put a huge parking lot at Mount Hope to park vehicles coming in from the south that now jam up the traffic on Up James St. The new north end Go stn will collect people arriving from all points east, west or north by rail. A lot of people from the GT&H area would be able to get to & would use Munro airport rather than go through all the congestion & hassle at Toronto. King street would be always plugged for it's entire length if it has only one lane either side of the LRT. You need only to ride an HSR bus a few times to see how traffic backs up when the driver's need to get walkers, wheelchairs and scooters on or off the bus. This doesn't even take into account cars having to stop for people crossing a side street, or the delivery of something that must go in through the front door only. Also, our one-way streets have always been one of our best features for easy and efficient traffic flow. Please don't change any more to two-way. Anyone who drives can attest to the horror story that is now James St and John St as compared to before our esteemed leaders decided to change them. We must control people who insist on speeding, but we can do that with more cameras, radar, patrols, etc. "Increase fines through the roof"! I'm sure there are ways to do this without making the city a traffic nightmare. You have been a great Councilor in our ward! Please think this through more carefully. "Thank You"! Sincerely, Doug J Ogden, St S.