



Dear Mayor Eisenberger and City of Hamilton Councilors,

We are the Gibson and Landsdale Area (GALA) Community Planning Team, a small but growing group of residents supported by the Hamilton Community Foundation to help residents and community stakeholders identify and plan their community priorities.

In June, the GALA Community Planning Team agreed to write and send a letter of support for Light Rail Transit (LRT), as proposed by Metrolinx and the City of Hamilton's planning staff. Our understanding is that there have been 63 city council votes in favor of LRT over nearly a decade, and so we are urging our city council to endorse and proceed with what we believe to be a key stratagem for Hamilton's future.

We believe that this transit option is environmentally sound and economically viable, based on the City's 2008 two-phase feasibility study and 2010 Metrolinx Rapid Transit Benefits Case Analysis. We believe that the LRT will lead to the development of key assets in GALA and help to spur development along GALA's main corridors, such as Main, King, and Barton Street, which have buildings that are either vacant or underused.

Beyond paying economic dividends as Hamilton grows, investment in Light Rail Transit will bring other benefits to the Gibson and Landsdale neighborhoods, such as rapid, reliable, accessible and emission-free transit for our diverse population. We would be proud to have such modern and desirable public transit mobilizing our neighborhoods.

GALA's community planning team stands in solidarity with the other Ward 3 hubs, Crown Point and Sherman Hub, which have each offered letters of support for Light Rail Transit. We support Mayor Fred Eisenberger, and our Ward 3 Councilor Matthew Green, who have been unwavering in their commitment to LRT.

Yours Truly,

The Gibson and Landsdale Area Community Planning Team