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Subject: FW: support for a LRT stop at Bay Street

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Madam Clerk, I wish my comments to be included in the formal written support for the LRT stop at Bay Street.

I support the additional stop at Bay Street for the following reasons:

Bay & James Streets are the two main intersections in the downtown core. To make James Street the major on/off stop will significantly increase pedestrian/vehicle traffic at an intersection that is already severely congested.

The existing area (just west of Bay Street) needs a shot in the arm for any major development to occur. This would benefit the city in terms of additional tax revenue. One only has to look at what is currently there now.

The cost of adding this additional stop, now, will be significantly lower if done as part of the whole project, rather than an add-on in the near future. We, as taxpayers, know this to be true.

I have a long history (with LRT) as a former regional councillor who voted against the proposed LRT along York Blvd. many years ago. The timing then was wrong, hopefully this is the "right time" for a project of this magnitude.

There are indeed times when residents of areas, further from the core, need to understand the true value of a thriving downtown. We have all seen what eventually happens to un-supported city centers.

These comments come from someone who (as a "Stoney Creeker") came to understand that what benefits one area of the city ultimately benefits all all of us in the long run.

With regards to all members of Hamilton City Council.

Ms. Ollie Thomson