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Good evening all,

Earlier this afternoon, Hamilton City Council's General Issues Committee voted 9 to 6 to reject and override the unanimous recommendation from the City's LRT sub-committee to endorse the Bay Street stop proposal we had co-signed.

This is a somewhat surprising development for us given the explicit support around the table at the LRT subcommittee on January 30th.

In an interview with CBC Hamilton earlier this afternoon, we share some of Councilor Farr's sentiment when he said: "Many people who voted today didn't even speak to (why they were opposed)," he said. "I don't think it should be underestimated how significant this vote was today." (We will share the full video transcript when once available on thepublicrecord.ca)

Here is the vote breakdown (Wards):

In favour: 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, Mayor | **Opposed:** 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 15

Mayor Fred Eisenberger (cc'd) is still supportive of the proposal, and we will work with his office to determine a fair reconsideration opportunity at a future GIC meeting.

We encourage you to contact Councillors within your network reinforcing your support for this proposal, especially the economic development arguments that were overlooked today.

The proposal will next be on full council agenda on February 22nd. You can contact the councillors directly (attached) & formally submit any letters to the City Clerk: stephanie.paparella@hamilton.ca

We are available if you'd like us to review or assist with crafting anything.

Regards,

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