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**Subject:** Bay Street LRT

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**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

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Hamilton City Councillors:

I am a home owner and resident in Ward 1.

Recently there was a vote on a motion.

The motion asking for a Bay station was approved unanimously at the LRT Subcommittee but defeated 9-6 at last week's GIC meeting. Here are the votes at GIC:

I commend all the Councillors who voted for the motion.

**For:** Mayor Fred Eisenberger, Ward 1 Councillor Aidan Johnson, Ward 2 Councillor Jason Farr, Ward 3 Councillor Matthew Green, Ward 4 Councillor Sam Merulla, Ward 8 Councillor Terry Whitehead

and urge the Councillors who voted against the motion to please reconsider your vote, and vote FOR this important line improvement.

**Against:** Ward 5 Councillor Chad Collins, Ward 6 Councillor Tom Jackson, Ward 7 Councillor Donna Skelly, Ward 9 Councillor Doug Conley, Ward 10 Councillor Maria Pearson, Ward 11 Councillor Brenda Johnson, Ward 12 Councillor Lloyd Ferguson, Ward 13 Councillor Arlene VanderBeek and Ward 15 Councillor Judi Partridge

I also agree with and echo Arnie Strub, Executive Director, Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce's words:

"Dear Councillors,

As a sitting advisory member of the LRT sub-committee, I am surprised and dismayed that the councillors representing Stoney Creek have voted against the sub-committee's unanimous recommendation to add a Bay Street stop to the B-Line project.

I ask that you reconsider your position and vote in favour of adding a Bay Street stop at the next available GIC or full council opportunity, for the following reasons:

1. Destination Location

Bay Street is the destination stop for major events, all year long, at these venues: FirstOntario Centre, Hamilton Place, Convention Centre, Art Gallery of Hamilton

2. Tourist Location

Bay Street would be the on/off stop to service business and pleasure tourists staying at the major hotels in the downtown core, specifically the Sheraton and Homewood Suites.

### 3. Business Location

Bay Street would be the on/off stop to service the following major businesses and employers:

- Hamilton City Hall
- Government of Ontario offices
- Government of Canada offices
- Standard Life Building (120 King Street West) and Jackson Square Shopping Centre
- McMaster University, David Braley Health Sciences Centre

An LRT line without a Bay Street stop would seem to be going against the original mandate of the project; to enhance business development and to encourage transit use.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter. I am available for follow up discussions at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Arnie Strub Executive Director, Stoney Creek Chamber of Commerce"

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Erin Snajdman-Griver