

**Pilon, Janet**

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**Subject:** Please approve LRT Bay St. Station

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From: Ann McKay  
 Sent: February-22-17 9:37 PM  
 To: Office of the Mayor  
 Subject: Re: Please approve LRT Bay St. Station

Thank you Fred. I appreciate your response. - Ann McKay

> On Feb 22, 2017, at 2:51 PM, Office of the Mayor <[mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca)> wrote:

>  
 > Hi Ann, thank you for reaching out to me concerning an additional stop at Bay Street on the planned LRT line.

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 > This was a proposal by the Hamilton and District Chamber of Commerce and was unanimously approved by the city's LRT subcommittee. However the proposal was turned down by the city's General Issues Committee (GIC) in a vote of 6 - 9, with one council member absent.

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 > I was among those who voted in favour of the additional Bay Street stop. I was persuaded by the Chamber's argument that the additional stop would serve downtown businesses as well as people attending events at nearby cultural venues, such as Hamilton Place. The additional stop also has the potential to stimulate new development around King and Bay streets, including housing, which will result in additional economic uplift and expand the property tax base, which benefits everyone in Hamilton. I was also persuaded a report by city staff that said the additional stop would only add 50 seconds to the travel time along the route. The cost of approximately \$2.6 million could be accommodated by the total \$1-billion budget being covered by the province.

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 > The GIC recommendation now proceeds to city council for consideration on Feb. 22. Regardless of the final outcome, it is important to remember that this is a provincially-funded Metrolinx project, and while Metrolinx will take the opinion of council into account, it is not bound by it.

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 > Cheers,  
 > Fred  
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 > Fred Eisenberger  
 > Mayor  
 > City of Hamilton  
 > 905-546-4200  
 > @FredEisenberger

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> From: Ann McKay  
 > Sent: Monday, February 20, 2017 5:54 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  
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 > Dear Councillors,