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**Subject:** please reconsider decision against LRT stop at Bay & King

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**From:** Adrian Duyzer  
**Sent:** February-22-17 3:12 PM  
**To:** Office of the Mayor  
**Subject:** Re: please reconsider decision against LRT stop at Bay & King

Thank you for the response and I'm again very grateful for your continued support and stewardship of this project.

Also: "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." Best news I've heard all week. ;)

Best of luck making the case for this!

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On 22 February 2017 at 14:50, Office of the Mayor <[mayor@hamilton.ca](mailto:mayor@hamilton.ca)> wrote:

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

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.

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.

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.

Cheers,

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**From:** Adrian Duyzer

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 21, 2017 8:48 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 Mr. Mayor, City Councillors,

Please reconsider the hasty and ill-advised decision not to agree to request an LRT stop at Bay & King streets. This is a prime location for a stop - both close to numerous anchor institutions and businesses in the core, and an underdeveloped location that would greatly benefit from transit-oriented development. According to your own staff, it could generate at least \$6.1 million in tax revenues vs just over \$100,000 today, in the area near this intersection!

With numerous organizations speaking out in favour of the stop, including the Chamber of Commerce and the City's own LRT subcommittee, and in the absence of a clear and compelling reason not to request a stop for this location, I find it hard to understand why a vote against this is prudent.

Please reconsider. Sincerely,

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