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**Subject:** Wynnes promises

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From: Reg Simser  
Sent: February-08-17 7:51 PM  
To: Office of the Mayor  
Subject: RE: Wynnes promises

Thank you Fred for your reply.

Today Patrick Brown has promised that when elected, and no one sees any doubt that will happen, he will still commit to the billion dollars but will leave it totally in the hands of the municipality as to how that should be spent.

You know I'm sure that there is a much more cost effective way to move people from one end of this city to another. As I stated earlier, double decker electric busses would do the job in Hamilton with very little cost or disruption compared to LRT. Each time I read or hear of the latest developments with the LRT plan it sounds worse & worse. Last report I heard on Bill Kelly's show was that the bike lanes everyone said we needed, and cost millions to develop will be removed to accommodate the extra traffic LRT will force onto those very streets. From the very beginning, planning to use King St. with all the problems it offers instead of Main which is basically a straight line from McMaster to Queenston is, you know I can't even come up with the right word to describe this idiocy.

Fred you may not like referendums but this is a plan that just begs for a vote of the tax paying public. With the PC government OBVIOUSLY set to be our next provincial government I believe that a bus plan should be developed to see if the cost would be low enough to save significant dollars for repair of the mountain accesses. Put both plans on a referendum and allow us to decide this once & for all. This city needs to get our infrastructure into the 20th century, at least, and spending \$1,000,000,000.00 on an 11-12km stretch of road is such a waste of money. The city is responsible for over 6500km of roads and you think spending that amount on 12km is okay?

This type of decision making is exactly why so many Americans decided to vote for a narcissistic, homophobic, misogynistic, bigot to run their country. He promised REAL change. He promised to do what the PEOPLE want not the government nor the big business that would gain from this type of plan. Of course there are business people clamouring for LRT. They'll be able to advertise the fact and charge more for their rents. Residential tax payers pay the largest portion of taxes in the city & we deserve our say. Reports are that every open house meeting on LRT has been inundated by anti LRT people, Fred, that should tell you & the council, that the people that voted for each and every one of you are not happy with this plan. It matters not how many votes the council has had if the people disagree.

Sincerely,

Reg Simser

> ----- Original Message -----

> From: Office of the Mayor <mayor@hamilton.ca>

> Date: February 3, 2017 at 3:16 PM

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> Hi Reg,

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> As Council has voted nearly 80 times at this point for Rapid Transit

> and LRT, as the population ages, there will be an increased need for better transit.

> This is the beginning of that plan that has been studied, assessed and

> voted on several times over the last decade, and is about future  
> development. We have also asked the Province re RHVP and the Linc,  
> and have yet to receive official correspondence back.  
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> Cheers,  
> Fred  
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> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Reg Simser  
> Sent: Sunday, January 29, 2017 7:13 AM  
> To: Office of the Mayor  
> Subject: Wynnes promises  
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> I'm sure you know about Kathleen Wynnes latest attempt to buy votes for 2018.  
> First she backed Mayor Tory 100% when he suggested road tolls for DVP  
> & The Gardiner. Now because she thought she might lose some votes has  
> decided to veto the toll idea. She has now promised T.O more gas tax  
> money to pay for upkeep of roads the city are responsible to maintain.  
> My question to you and Hamilton city council is, "Where's the money  
> for the Linc and Red Hill Valley expressways?" If it's good enough  
> for T.O. it should be good for all municipalities, right?  
> So now obviously there has to be another increase in gas tax because  
> the revenue has already been earmarked for other projects, like  
> Hamilton's unneeded LRT project. I know that you & some councillors  
> think, "hey a billion dollars, let's not look a gift horse in the  
> mouth", but it's so damn obvious that this is a very poor idea. The  
> changes and disruption will not be worth the end result.  
> I keep hearing statements claiming that it will bring new  
> construction & taxes to the area but it's quite obvious that is  
> happening now without LRT. If one company says they'll build if LRT  
> goes through there are others that don't care, they want to invest here anyway.  
> Sorry for getting off subject but it's something I fear will be a huge  
> disaster, especially with provincial government involvement. If we've  
> learned anything the past few years it's that nothing is simple or  
> efficient when they're involved.  
> The main reason for this email is to make sure that we aren't left out  
> of the loop in response to Wynnes latest promise to Toronto. Whatever  
> assistance they get we should all get.  
> It's a good thing the prov. Gov. has a lot of spare cash to throw  
> around, oh, that's right they don't! Our children & grandchildren  
> will be paying for this governments decisions long after you & I are  
> gone. Something to think about, double decker natural gas busses. A  
> lot less hassle than LRT and much more flexible.  
> It is time for Kathleen Wynne to step down from the premiership, she  
> has clearly lost all perspective and rational thought.  
> Sincerely,  
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Reg Simser