



**SPECIAL GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT (LRT)
REPORT 17-007**

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, March 28, 2017

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Mayor F. Eisenberger, Deputy Mayor A. VanderBeek (Chair)
Councillors T. Whitehead, D. Skelly, T. Jackson, C. Collins, S. Merulla,
M. Green, J. Farr, A. Johnson, D. Conley, M. Pearson, B. Johnson,
L. Ferguson, J. Partridge

Absent

with Regrets: Councillor R. Pasuta – Sick Leave

**THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 17-007 AND
RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:**

1. **Written submissions respecting Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056) (City Wide) (Item 7.1(a)):**

That the written submissions from the following, respecting Report PED17056 – Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line, be received:

- (i) Anne Chaffee
- (ii) Carolyn Kinsley

2. **Proposed A-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update (PED17048) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)**

That Report PED17048, respecting the Proposed A-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update, be received.

3. Proposed A-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update (PED17048) (City Wide) (Item 7.2(a)):

That the written submission from Agnes Frebald, respecting Report PED17048 – Proposed A-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update, be received.

4. Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Community Benefits Overview (PED17058) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

That Report PED17058, respecting the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Community Benefits Overview, be received.

5. Light Rail Transit (LRT) Procurement Model (PED17030) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

That Report PED17030, respecting the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Procurement Model, be received.

6. Bay Street Stop Assessment (PED17021) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

That Report PED17021, respecting the Bay Street Stop Assessment, be received.

7. Written submissions respecting the Bay Street Stop Assessment (PED17021) (City Wide) (Item 8.2(a))

That the written submissions from the following, respecting Report PED17021 – the Bay Street Stop Assessment, be received:

- (i) John McGreal
- (ii) Mike Majcher
- (iii) Barb Allen
- (iv) Ameriga Alonzo and Douglas Alonzo-Ortiz
- (v) Huzaifa Saeed
- (vi) Graeme Luke
- (vii) Jason Morse
- (viii) Kathryn Deiter
- (ix) W.T. (Bill) Elliot
- (x) Erin Snajdman-Griver
- (xi) David Jenkins
- (xii) Dave Gava
- (xiii) Lee Purins

- (xiv) Patrick Rose
- (xv) Evan Pray
- (xvi) Marie Zilik
- (xvii) Kass Forman
- (xviii) Gregoire Gagnon on behalf of the Hamilton Philharmonic Youth Orchestra
- (xix) Ellen Morris
- (xx) Paul Seczek
- (xxi) Lachlan Holmes
- (xxii) John Morris
- (xxiii) Ann McKay
- (xxiv) Adrian Duyzer
- (xxv) Tyler Pearson
- (xxvi) Nicholas Kevlahan
- (xxvii) Kevin Love
- (xxviii) Dave Heidebrecht
- (xxix) Ryan McGreal
- (xxx) Daniel Lynes
- (xxxi) W.T. (Bill) Elliot
- (xxxii) Keanin Loomis
- (xxxiii) David Colacci

8. Butternut Tree Conservation (Item 9.4)

WHEREAS, sustainable economic development is a pillar of the Light Rail Transit Project (LRT) project; and,

WHEREAS, biodiversity conservation is both a key element of sustainable economic development and a key element of strategic response to climate change;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff from the City of Hamilton and Metrolinx report to the LRT Subcommittee as soon as possible following the health assessment of the butternut trees located on the proposed site for the LRT operations, maintenance and storage facility, with a short report respecting the following:

- (a) The right steps for conserving the population of butternut trees; a rare native Ontario plant species, identified at the proposed site for the LRT operations, maintenance and storage facility located in Ward 1; and,
- (b) Options for ensuring that conservation within the plans for the proposed LRT operations, maintenance and storage facility.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following changes to the agenda:

1. ADDED DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

- 4.5 Ron Johnson, Constituent – senior resident in Ward 3 for 42 Years, respecting concerns and issues pertaining to the LRT
- 4.6 Sarah Warry Poljanski, Constituent and Hydro Activist, respecting concerns and issues pertaining to the LRT and its relation to Hydro
- 4.7 Keanin Loomis, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Item 8.2 – Bay Street Stop
- 4.8 Ryan McGreal, Hamilton Light Rail, respecting the LRT Environmental Assessment amendment
- 4.9 Tanya Ritchie, Hamilton Guesthouse, respecting the proposed LRT project in Hamilton, specifically the Environmental Project Report
- 4.10 Lee Edward McIlmoyle, respecting the current and future needs of disabled persons on the projected LRT routes (For March 28, 2017)
- 4.11 Paul Wright, IT specialist, respecting the concerns related to the proposed LRT
- 4.12 Chris Parkinson, respecting a review of LRT EA and to discuss how Council is working within the Right to a Healthy Environment motion passed Feb. 2015
- 4.13 Phil Ryerson, respecting the LRT
- 4.14 Veroslav (Vic) Djurdjevic, Nikola Tesla Education Corporation (NTEC), respecting the LRT proposal
- 4.15 Graham Jeffries, respecting LRT
- 4.16 Franco Corti, Constituent of Ward 1, respecting LRT
- 4.17 Benita van Miltenburg, Cycle Hamilton, respecting support for a Bay St. LRT stop and the LRT project

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- 4.18 Nicholas Kevlahan, respecting support for Hamilton's LRT project and to urge speedy approval of the revised environmental assessment
- 4.19 Patrick Rose, respecting LRT
- 4.20 Alain H. Bureau & Mark Rejhon, Hamilton LRT Advocacy, respecting local support for the Hamilton LRT project
- 4.21 Katy Yelovich, Ward 1 Constituent, respecting concerns pertaining to LRT
- 4.22 Johanna Bleecker, Cycle Hamilton, respecting support for LRT and Bay Street Bike Lanes
- 4.23 Karl Andrus, Stinson Community Association, respecting the environmental assessment for Hamilton LRT project
- 4.24 Matthew Carrabs & Doug Caldwell, Yes to LRT in Hamilton, respecting LRT
- 4.25 John Wilbur, respecting LRT
- 4.26 Graham McNally, Toms + McNally Design, respecting support for the LRT project
- 4.27 Dr. Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton, respecting LRT
- 4.28 David Premi, DPAI Architecture, respecting support for LRT Environmental Report
- 4.29 Anna Davey, Women's March Hamilton, respecting LRT
- 4.30 Dale MacNevin, respecting LRT
- 4.31 Suzanne Mammel, HHHBA, respecting LRT
- 4.32 Sandi Stride, Sustainable Hamilton Burlington, respecting support for the LRT in Hamilton for the long-term health and prosperity of the City
- 4.33 Frank Lechlither, respecting LRT
- 4.34 Malcolm Hodgskiss, respecting LRT

2. ADDED WRITTEN COMMENTS

7.1(a) Written submissions respecting the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056) (City Wide):

- (i) Anne Chaffee
- (ii) Carolyn Kinsley

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 7.1 Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056) (City Wide).

7.2(a) Written submissions respecting the Proposed A-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update (PED17048) (City Wide):

- (i) Agnes Frebald

Recommendation: Be received and referred to the consideration of Item 7.2 Proposed A-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update (PED17048) (City Wide).

8.2(a) Written submissions respecting the Bay Street Stop Assessment (PED17021) (City Wide):

- (i) John McGreal
- (ii) Mike Majcher
- (iii) Barb Allen
- (iv) Ameriga Alonzo and Douglas Alonzo-Ortiz
- (v) Huzaifa Saeed
- (vi) Graeme Luke
- (vii) Jason Morse
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- (xvi) Marie Zilik
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- (xix) Ellen Morris
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- (xxxii) Keanin Loomis
- (xxxiii) David Colacci

3. MOTIONS (Item 9)

- 9.3 Review of the Provincial Processes, as they relate to Light Rail Transit
- 9.4 Butternut Tree Conservation

As the following two delegation requests were omitted from the Changes to the Agenda package, the agenda be further amended by adding Items 4.35 and 4.36 to read as follows:

- 4.35 Gaspare Bonomo, respecting the LRT
- 4.36 Ken Watson, respecting the LRT

The agenda for the March 28, 2017 Special General Issues Committee meeting was approved, as further amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

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(c) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

The following delegation requests were approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on March 28, 2017:

- (i) Brian Smiley, Patient Advocate, respecting Accessibility Issues for the Elderly, Disabled, etc. in relation to the LRT and its Negative Impact on their Lives (Item 4.1)
- (ii) Attilio Di Fiore, B.Sc., B.Sc.Eng., P.Eng., President and CSO of ATTWILL Medical Solutions Inc., respecting Valid Reasoning from an Engineering Perspective why the Hamilton LRT is a Flawed Plan and is Not a Viable Option for Improving Hamilton's Transit System (Item 4.2)
- (iii) Cole Raftery, Raftery Law, respecting the Legalities related to the LRT (Item 4.3)
- (iv) Milena Balta, respecting LRT (Item 4.4)
- (v) Ron Johnson, Constituent – senior resident in Ward 3 for 42 Years, respecting concerns and issues pertaining to the LRT (Item 4.5)
- (vi) Sarah Warry Poljanski, Constituent and Hydro Activist, respecting concerns and issues pertaining to the LRT and its relation to Hydro (Item 4.6)
- (vii) Keanin Loomis, Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Item 8.2 – Bay Street Stop (Item 4.7)
- (viii) Ryan McGreal, Hamilton Light Rail, respecting the LRT Environmental Assessment amendment (Item 4.8)
- (ix) Tanya Ritchie, Hamilton Guesthouse, respecting the proposed LRT project in Hamilton, specifically the Environmental Project Report (Item 4.9)
- (x) Lee Edward McIlmoyle, respecting the current and future needs of disabled persons on the projected LRT routes (Item 4.10)
- (xi) Paul Wright, IT specialist, respecting the concerns related to the proposed LRT (Item 4.11)
- (xii) Chris Parkinson, respecting a review of LRT EA and to discuss how Council is working within the Right to a Healthy Environment motion passed Feb. 2015 (Item 4.12)

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- (xiii) Phil Ryerson, respecting the LRT (Item 4.13)
- (xiv) Veroslav (Vic) Djurdjevic, Nikola Tesla Education Corporation (NTEC), respecting the LRT proposal (Item 4.14)
- (xv) Graham Jeffries, respecting LRT (Item 4.15)
- (xvi) Franco Corti, Constituent of Ward 1, respecting LRT (Item 4.16)
- (xvii) Benita van Miltenburg, Cycle Hamilton, respecting support for a Bay St. LRT stop and the LRT project (item 4.17)
- (xviii) Nicholas Kevlahan, respecting support for Hamilton's LRT project and to urge speedy approval of the revised environmental assessment (item 4.18)
- (xix) Patrick Rose, respecting LRT (Item 4.19)
- (xx) Alain H. Bureau & Mark Rejhon, Hamilton LRT Advocacy, respecting local support for the Hamilton LRT project (Item 4.20)
- (xxi) Katy Yelovich, Ward 1 Constituent, respecting concerns pertaining to LRT (Item 4.21)
- (xxii) Johanna Bleecker, Cycle Hamilton, respecting support for LRT and Bay Street Bike Lanes (Item 4.22)
- (xxiii) Karl Andrus, Stinson Community Association, respecting the environmental assessment for Hamilton LRT project (Item 4.23)
- (xxiv) Matthew Carrabs & Doug Caldwell, Yes to LRT in Hamilton, respecting LRT (Item 4.24)
- (xxv) John Wilbur, respecting LRT (item 4.25)
- (xxvi) Graham McNally, Toms + McNally Design, respecting support for the LRT project (Item 4.26)
- (xxvii) Dr. Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton, respecting LRT (Item 4.27)
- (xxviii) David Premi, DPAI Architecture, respecting support for LRT Environmental Report (Item 4.28)
- (xxix) Anna Davey, Women's March Hamilton, respecting LRT (Item 4.29)

- (xxx) Dale MacNevin, respecting LRT (Item 4.30)
- (xxxi) Suzanne Mammel, HHHBA, respecting LRT (Item 4.31)

- (xxxii) Sandi Stride, Sustainable Hamilton Burlington, respecting support for the LRT in Hamilton for the long-term health and prosperity of the City (Item 4.32)

- (xxxiii) Frank Lechlither, respecting LRT (Item 4.33)

- (xxxiv) Malcolm Hodgskiss, respecting LRT (Item 4.34)

- (xxxv) Gaspare Bonomo, respecting the LRT (Item 4.35)

- (xxxvi) Ken Watson, respecting the LRT (Item 4.36)

(d) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

(i) Ellen Morris, respecting the LRT Stop at Bay Street (Item 6.1)

This delegation was withdrawn.

(ii) Carol Lazich, Hamilton C.O.S.T., respecting the Proposed LRT (Item 6.2)

Carol Lazich, Hamilton C.O.S.T., addressed Committee respecting the Proposed LRT.

The presentation submitted by Carol Lazich, Hamilton C.O.S.T., respecting the Proposed LRT, was received.

(iii) Cheryl St. James, Weird Stuff Retail Store, respecting the Proposed LRT and its Impacts on Businesses (Item 6.3)

The presentation submitted by Cheryl St. James, Weird Stuff Retail Store, respecting the Proposed LRT and its Impacts on Businesses, was received.

(iv) Cameron Bailey, Former Hamilton Resident and Business Owner, respecting the Proposed LRT and the Negative Impact of the Bus Lane (Item 6.4)

This delegation was withdrawn.

(v) John McGreal, Concerns related to the LRT Project (Item 6.5)

The presentation submitted by John McGreal, respecting Concerns related to the LRT Project, was received.

(vi) Dr. Paul O'Byrne, Dean and Vice President, Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University and Dr. Doug Oliver (item 6.6)

The presentation submitted by Dr. Paul O'Byrne, Dean and Vice President, Faculty of Health Sciences, McMaster University and Dr. Doug Oliver, was received.

(vii) Brian Smiley, Patient Advocate, respecting Accessibility Issues for the Elderly, Disabled, etc. in relation to the LRT and its Negative Impact on their Lives (Item 6.7)

Brian Smiley was not present.

(viii) Attilio Di Fiore, B.Sc., B.Sc.Eng., P.Eng., President and CSO of ATTWILL Medical Solutions Inc., respecting Valid Reasoning from an Engineering Perspective why the Hamilton LRT is a Flawed Plan and is Not a Viable Option for Improving Hamilton's Transit System (Item 6.8)

Attilio Di Fiore was not present.

(ix) Cole Raftery, Raftery Law, respecting the Legalities related to the LRT (Item 6.9)

The presentation submitted by Cole Raftery, Raftery Law, respecting the Legalities related to the LRT, was received.

(x) Milena Balta, respecting LRT (Item 6.10)

The presentation submitted by Milena Balta, respecting LRT, was received.

- (xi) Ron Johnson, Constituent – senior resident in Ward 3 for 42 Years, respecting concerns and issues pertaining to the LRT (Item 6.11)**

The presentation submitted by Ron Johnson, Constituent – senior resident in Ward 3 for 42 Years, respecting concerns and issues pertaining to the LRT, was received.

- (xii) Sarah Warry Poljanski, Constituent and Hydro Activist, respecting concerns and issues pertaining to the LRT and its relation to Hydro (Item 6.12)**

The presentation submitted by Sarah Warry Poljanski, Constituent and Hydro Activist, respecting concerns and issues pertaining to the LRT and its relation to Hydro, was received.

- (xiii) Keanin Loomis, President & CEO of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Item 8.2 – Bay Street Stop (Item 6.13)**

The presentation submitted by Keanin Loomis, President & CEO of the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, respecting Item 8.2 – Bay Street Stop, was received.

- (xiv) Ryan McGreal, Hamilton Light Rail, respecting the LRT Environmental Assessment amendment (Item 6.14)**

The presentation submitted by Ryan McGreal, Hamilton Light Rail, respecting the LRT Environmental Assessment amendment, was received.

- (xv) Tanya Ritchie, Hamilton Guesthouse, respecting the proposed LRT project in Hamilton, specifically the Environmental Project Report (Item 6.15)**

The presentation submitted by Tanya Ritchie, Hamilton Guesthouse, respecting the proposed LRT project in Hamilton, specifically the Environmental Project Report, was received.

- (xvi) Lee Edward McIlmoyle, respecting the current and future needs of disabled persons on the projected LRT routes (Item 6.16)**

The presentation submitted by Lee Edward McIlmoyle, respecting the current and future needs of disabled persons on the projected LRT routes, was received.

- (xvii) Paul Wright, IT Specialist, respecting the concerns related to the proposed LRT (Item 6.17)**

Paul Wright was not present.

- (xviii) Chris Parkinson, respecting a review of LRT EA and to discuss how Council is working within the Right to a Healthy Environment motion passed February 2015 (Item 6.18)**

The presentation submitted by Chris Parkinson, respecting a review of LRT EA and to discuss how Council is working within the Right to a Healthy Environment motion passed February 2015, was received.

- (xix) Phil Ryerson, respecting the LRT (Item 6.19)**

The presentation submitted by Phil Ryerson, respecting the LRT, was received.

- (xx) Veroslav (Vic) Djurdjevic, Nikola Tesla Education Corporation (NTEC), respecting the LRT proposal (Item 6.20)**

The presentation submitted by Veroslav (Vic) Djurdjevic, Nikola Tesla Education Corporation (NTEC), respecting the LRT proposal, was received.

- (xxi) Graham Jeffries, respecting LRT (Item 6.21)**

That the presentation submitted by Graham Jeffries, respecting LRT, be received.

- (xxii) Franco Corti, Constituent of Ward 1, respecting LRT (Item 6.22)**

The presentation submitted by Franco Corti, Constituent of Ward 1, respecting LRT, was received.

- (xxiii) Ian Borsuk, on behalf of Benita van Miltenburg, Cycle Hamilton, respecting support for a Bay St. LRT stop and the LRT project (Item 6.23)**

The presentation submitted by Ian Borsuk, on behalf of Benita van Miltenburg, Cycle Hamilton, respecting support for a Bay St. LRT stop and the LRT project, was received.

- (xxiv) Nicholas Kevlahan, respecting support for Hamilton's LRT project and urge speedy approval of the revised environmental assessment (Item 6.24)**

The presentation submitted by Nicholas Kevlahan, respecting support for Hamilton's LRT project and to urge speedy approval of the revised environmental assessment, was received.

- (xxv) Patrick Rose, respecting LRT (Item 6.25)**

Patrick Rose was not present.

- (xxvi) Alain H. Bureau & Mark Rejhon, Hamilton LRT Advocacy, respecting local support for the Hamilton LRT project (Item 6.26)**

The presentation submitted by Alain H. Bureau & Mark Rejhon, Hamilton LRT Advocacy, respecting local support for the Hamilton LRT project, was received.

- (xxvii) Katy Yelovich, Ward 1 Constituent, respecting concerns pertaining to LRT (Item 6.27)**

The presentation submitted by Katy Yelovich, Ward 1 Constituent, respecting concerns pertaining to LRT, was received.

- (xxviii) Johanna Bleecker, Cycle Hamilton, respecting support for LRT and Bay Street Bike Lanes (Item 6.28)**

The presentation submitted by Johanna Bleecker, Cycle Hamilton, respecting support for LRT and Bay Street Bike Lanes, was received.

- (xxix) Karl Andrus, Stinson Community Association, respecting the environmental assessment for Hamilton LRT project (Item 6.29)**

The presentation submitted by Karl Andrus, Stinson Community Association, respecting the environmental assessment for Hamilton LRT project, was received.

(xxx) Matthew Carrabs & Doug Caldwell, Yes to LRT in Hamilton, respecting LRT (Item 6.30)

The presentation submitted by Matthew Carrabs & Doug Caldwell, Yes to LRT in Hamilton, respecting LRT, was received.

(xxxi) John Wilbur, respecting LRT (Item 6.31)

The presentation submitted by John Wilbur, respecting LRT, was received.

(xxxii) Graham McNally, Toms + McNally Design, respecting support for the LRT project (Item 6.32)

The presentation submitted by Graham McNally, Toms + McNally Design, respecting support for the LRT project, was received.

(xxxiii) Dr. Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton, respecting LRT (Item 6.33)

The presentation submitted by Dr. Lynda Lukasik, Environment Hamilton, respecting LRT, was received.

(xxxiv) David Premi, DPAI Architecture, respecting support for LRT environmental Report (Item 6.34)

The presentation submitted by David Premi, DPAI Architecture, respecting support for LRT environmental report, was received.

(xxxv) Anna Davey, Women's March Hamilton, respecting LRT (Item 6.35)

The presentation submitted by Anna Davey, Women's March Hamilton, respecting LRT, was received.

(xxxvi) Dale MacNevin, respecting LRT (Item 6.36)

The presentation submitted by Dale MacNevin, respecting LRT, was received.

(xxxvii) Suzanne Mammel, Hamilton Halton Home Builders Association (HHHBA), respecting LRT (Item 6.37)

The presentation submitted by Suzanne Mammel, Hamilton Halton Home Builders Association, respecting LRT, was received.

(xxxviii) Sandi Stride, Sustainable Hamilton Burlington, respecting support for the LRT in Hamilton for the long-term health and prosperity of the City (Item 6.38)

The presentation submitted by Sandi Stride, Sustainable Hamilton Burlington, respecting support for the LRT in Hamilton for the long-term health and prosperity of the City, was received.

(xxxix) Frank Lechlither, respecting LRT (Item 6.39)

The presentation submitted by Frank Lechlither, respecting LRT, was received.

(xl) Malcolm Hodgskiss, respecting LRT (Item 6.40)

The presentation submitted by Malcolm Hodgskiss, respecting LRT, was received.

(xli) Gaspare Bonomo, respecting the LRT (Item 6.41)

The presentation submitted by Gaspare Bonomo, respecting the LRT, was received.

(xlii) Ken Watson, respecting the LRT (Item 6.42)

The presentation submitted by Ken Watson, respecting the LRT, be received.

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)

(i) Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

Paul Johnson, Director, LRT Project Coordination, introduced the presentation respecting Report PED17056, respecting the Hamilton Light Rail Transit Environmental Project.

The presentation respecting Report PED17056 – Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

Report PED17056, respecting the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line, was TABLED to the regular GIC meeting of April 19, 2017.

Councillor M. Green wished to be recorded as OPPOSED to the tabling motion above.

(ii) Proposed A-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update (PED17048) (City Wide) (Item 7.2)

Paul Johnson, Director, LRT Project Coordination, introduced the presentation respecting Report PED17048, Proposed A-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update.

The presentation respecting Report PED17048 – Proposed A-Line Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Update, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 2.

(iv) Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Community Benefits Overview (PED17058) (City Wide) (Item 7.3)

Paul Johnson, Director, LRT Project Coordination, introduced the presentation respecting Report PED17058 – Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Community Benefits Overview.

The presentation respecting Report PED17058 – Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Community Benefits Overview, was received.

A copy of the presentation is available on the City's website at www.hamilton.ca or through the Office of the City Clerk.

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 4.

(f) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

(i) Bay Street Stop Assessment (PED17021) (City Wide) (Item 8.2)

The motion below, which was referred to the March 28, 2017 General Issues Committee by GIC at its meeting of February 15, 2017, was amended by deleting sub-section (b) in its entirety and replacing it with the following in lieu thereof:

~~(b) That LRT implementation staff be directed to work with Metrolinx to add a stop at Bay Street because LRT implementation in Hamilton is at a stage where an added Bay Street stop along the B-line may be permitted.~~

(b) That LRT implementation staff be directed to work with Metrolinx and report back to the as soon as possible GIC on the feasibility of an added LRT stop at Bay Street

The following Motion was withdrawn:

That the motion below, which was referred to the March 28, 2017 General Issues Committee by GIC at its meeting of February 15, 2017, be amended by deleting sub-section (b) in its entirety and replacing it with the following in lieu thereof:

~~(b) That LRT implementation staff be directed to work with Metrolinx to add a stop at Bay Street because LRT implementation in Hamilton is at a stage where an added Bay Street stop along the B-line may be permitted.~~

- (b) That LRT implementation staff be directed to work with Metrolinx and report back as soon as possible to GIC on the feasibility of an added LRT stop at Bay Street

That Metrolinx be directed to include the Bay Street Stop as a provisional item of the contract that can be removed if the LRT Project is over budget.

The above Motion was DEFEATED on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas:	Whitehead, Merulla, Green, Farr, A. Johnson, Ferguson, Eisenberger
Total:	7
Nays:	VanderBeek, Skelly, Jackson, Collins, Conley, Pearson, B. Johnson, Partridge
Total:	8
Absent:	Pasuta
Total:	1

For disposition of this matter, please refer to Item 6.

(g) MOTIONS (Item 9)

(i) Cost Implications to Hamilton Taxpayers Should Council Discontinue the Light Rail Transit Project (Item 9.1)

Staff were directed to report back to a Special General Issues Committee (LRT) to advise what the cost implications would be to the City of Hamilton taxpayers, should Council decide to discontinue the Light Rail Transit Project.

(ii) Cost Implications specific to any Potential Bidders' Claims, should Council decide to Discontinue the Light Rail Transit Project (Item 9.2)

Councillor Whitehead withdrew his motion.

(iii) Review of the Provincial Processes, as they relate to Light Rail Transit (Item 9.3)

The Motion respecting the Review of the Provincial Processes, as they relate to Light Rail Transit, was TABLED to the April 19, 2017 General Issues Committee meeting.

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(h) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A. VanderBeek, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk