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Good Afternoon Honourable Mayor and Council,

We would like to provide you with some information for you to consider during your deliberations on April 19th.

5 households in our small area of Stoney Creek have confirmed they received calls to participate in the city-wide poll that was conducted. Of those 5 households; 1 is strongly opposed, 1 is neutral, and 3 are strongly supportive of the LRT project. It is important to point out that these households, and our area, currently do <u>not</u> have conventional public transit.

While the city was conducting your poll, our neighbourhood association also conducted a survey of our members. We received a 45% response rate and wish to share the results with you:

- 16% of our respondents are Neutral (of this group 81% admitted to not knowing enough about the project to provide an informed opinion; the balance didn't care or felt the project didn't matter to them)

- 24% of our respondents are Opposed

- 43% of our respondents are In Favour of building LRT

In addition, we would like you to consider the overall transit benefits to everyone city-wide. We were pleased to see in the EA Addendum the additional areas serviced with public transit, as well as the shorter wait times & direct routes which are significant benefits to both residents as well as businesses. A spreadsheet outlining these benefits is attached. You'll note that Wards 7, 9 and 11 will see significant improvements followed closely by others in Wards 5, 6, 8, 10 and 13.

We're hopeful that you will approve the EA Addendum in order to allow us to proceed to the next stage in the process.

Following approval of the EA on Wednesday, we're also hopeful that more can be done to educate those that 'don't know enough' as well as provide the time needed to gather more concrete information of the operating costs.

Respectfully,

Lakewood Beach Community Council