



KIRKENDALL
NEIGHBOURHOOD
ASSOCIATION

April 20th, 2017

City Clerks Office
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Dear Honourable Mayor and Members of Council,

Re: Official Letter of Advocacy and Support for Hamilton LRT

The Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association (KNA) is submitting this letter as an official letter of advocacy and support for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) project.

The KNA strongly believes that LRT is a defining moment in our City's history. Walking away from the LRT project and the transformative investment in our collective future that it represents at this final hour would, quite frankly, be reckless.

This isn't a game of "chicken"; there is over a billion dollars from the Province at stake, not to mention the ongoing investment of countless developers and businesses that have made real business decisions in good faith that this transformative project would be moving forward. These businesses are driving the City's resurgence and turning vacant buildings into businesses, jobs and property tax revenue. A shovel isn't even in the ground and the City is already reaping real benefits, simply on the promise of the LRT.

We implore you to do the right thing; vote "YES" to move ahead with the LRT. Please do not turn your back on this City's next generation. Voting "NO" will send a clear message to the development and business community that Hamilton is closed for business. Is this really the message we want to send?

Thank you for your consideration of the above.

Sincerely,
The Kirkendall Neighbourhood Association (KNA) Executive