



SPECIAL GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE REPORT 17-016

9:30 a.m.

Wednesday, August 9, 2017

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

Absent
with Regrets: Councillor B. Johnson – Bereavement
Councillors C. Collins – Personal

THE GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 17-016 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. **Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a)) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)**

That Report PED17056(a), respecting the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line, be received.

2. **Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton (Item 9.1)**

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton's public transit service, the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) has been running transit in Hamilton since 1873;

WHEREAS, the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU), Local 107, has language in their Collective Agreement with the Hamilton Street Railway (HSR) that their members will operate any new transit in the city of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, transit is an essential public service that should remain under public ownership and operation; and,

WHEREAS, the Metrolinx procurement process for the new Light Rail Transit (LRT) line excludes the HSR from bidding, as it cannot finance, build or design the new LRT;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That staff be directed to advise Metrolinx that the forthcoming operating and maintenance agreement between the City of Hamilton and Metrolinx for Light Rail Transit should include the Hamilton Street Railway as the party responsible to operate and maintain the new Light Rail Transit line, and any other future transit expansion, in the city of Hamilton.

FOR THE INFORMATION OF COUNCIL:

(a) CHANGES TO THE AGENDA (Item 1)

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

1. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

- 4.1 Milena Balta respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a)); and, Item 10.1 - Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton
- 4.2 Gaspare Bonomo respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit
- 4.3 Michelle Hruschka respecting Item 10.1 - Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton
- 4.4 Carol Lazich respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit
- 4.5 Julie Gordon respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a))
- 4.6 Mark Silenzi respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit
- 4.7 Franco Corti respecting Concerns pertaining to the Approved Environmental Assessment for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit

- 4.8 Donna Crockett respecting Concerns pertaining to the Approved Environmental Assessment for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit
- 4.9 Mark Rejhon and Alain H. Bureau respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a))

2. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)

- 8.1 Added Appendices “A” and “B” to Report PED17056(a)) - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line

3. NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

- 10.2 Endorsement of a Unionized Hamilton Light Rail Transit Work Force

4. OTHER BUSINESS / GENERAL INFORMATION (Item 11)

- 11.1 Correspondence from Henry Geissler, respecting a Petition containing 188 Signatures regarding Removal of Trees in the International Village, as it relates to the Light Rail Transit Project
- 11.2 Correspondence from Peter O'Hagan, respecting Concerns related to the Hamilton Light Rail Transit Project
- 11.3 Correspondence from Robert Brosius, respecting the Hamilton Light Rail Transit Project
- 11.4 Correspondence from Cynthia Lokker respecting Continued Support of the Hamilton Light Rail Transit Project
- 11.5 Correspondence from Mike Gallagher, Business Manager – Local 793 and International Vice President, International Union of Operating Engineers

The agenda for the August 9, 2017 Special General Issues Committee (LRT) meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 2)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 4)

- (i) Milena Balta respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a)); and, Item 10.1 - Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton (Item 4.1)**

The delegation request submitted by Milena Balta, respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a)); and, Item 10.1 - Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton, was approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on August 9, 2017.

- (ii) Gaspare Bonomo respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit (Item 4.2)**

The delegation request submitted by Gaspare Bonomo, respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit was approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on August 9, 2017.

- (iii) Michelle Hruschka respecting Item 10.1 - Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton (Item 4.3)**

The delegation request submitted by Michelle Hruschka, respecting Item 10.1 - Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton, was approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on August 9, 2017.

- (iv) Carol Lazich respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit (Item 4.4)**

The delegation request submitted by Carol Lazich, respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit, was approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on August 9, 2017.

- (v) Julie Gordon respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a)) (Item 4.5)**

The delegation request submitted by Julie Gordon, respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a)), was approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on August 9, 2017.

- (vi) Mark Silenzi respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit (Item 4.6)**

The delegation request submitted by Mark Silenzi, respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit, was approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on August 9, 2017.

- (vii) Franco Corti respecting Concerns pertaining to the Approved Environmental Assessment for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (Item 4.7)**

The delegation request submitted by Franco Corti, respecting Concerns pertaining to the Approved Environmental Assessment for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit, was approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on August 9, 2017.

- (viii) Donna Crockett respecting Concerns pertaining to the Approved Environmental Assessment for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (Item 4.8)**

The delegation request submitted by Donna Crockett, respecting Concerns pertaining to the Approved Environmental Assessment for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit, was approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on August 9, 2017.

- (ix) Mark Rejhon and Alain H. Bureau respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a)) (Item 4.9)**

The delegation request submitted by Mark Rejhon and Alain H. Bureau, respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a)), was approved to appear before the General Issues Committee on August 9, 2017.

(d) DELEGATIONS (Item 6)

- (i) Milena Balta respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a)); and, Item 10.1 - Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton (Item 6.1)**

Milena Balta addressed the Committee respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a)); and, Item 10.1 - Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton.

The presentation provided by Milena Balta respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a)); and, Item 10.1 - Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton, 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 these matters, please refer to Items 1 and 2.

- (ii) Gaspare Bonomo respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit (Item 6.2)**

Gaspare Bonomo addressed the Committee respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit.

The presentation provided by Gaspare Bonomo, respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit, 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.

- (iii) Michelle Hruschka respecting Item 10.1 - Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton (Item 6.3)**

Michelle Hruschka addressed the Committee respecting Item 10.1 - Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton.

The verbal presentation provided by Michelle Hruschka respecting Item 10.1 - Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton, was received.

For disposition of the above matter, please refer to Item 2.

(iv) Carol Lazich respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit (Item 6.4)

Carol Lazich addressed the Committee respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit (Item 6.4)

The presentation provided by Carol Lazich, respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit, 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 1.

(v) Julie Gordon respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a)) (Item 6.5)

Julie Gordon addressed the Committee respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a))

The presentation provided by Julie Gordon, respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a)), 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 1.

(vi) Mark Silenzi respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit (Item 6.6)

Mark Silenzi addressed the Committee respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit.

The verbal presentation provided by Mark Silenzi, respecting Concerns pertaining to Light Rail Transit, was received.

(vii) Franco Corti respecting Concerns pertaining to the Approved Environmental Assessment for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (Item 6.7)

The delegate was not in attendance at the meeting.

(viii) Donna Crockett respecting Concerns pertaining to the Approved Environmental Assessment for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (Item 6.8)

The verbal presentation provided by Donna Crockett, respecting Concerns pertaining to the Approved Environmental Assessment for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit, was received.

(ix) Mark Rejhon and Alain H. Bureau respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a)) (Item 6.9)

The presentation provided by Mark Rejhon and Alain H. Bureau, respecting Item 8.1 - Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a)), 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 1.

(e) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 10)

Councillor Green introduced a Notice of Motion respecting the following:

(i) Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton (Item 10.1)

The Rules of Order were waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton.

The following Amending Motion was put forward:

- (a) That the Motion respecting Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton, be amended by deleting the words "**and maintenance**" and "**and maintain**" from the resolution, to read as follows:

That staff be directed to advise Metrolinx that the forthcoming operating ~~and maintenance~~ agreement between the City of Hamilton and Metrolinx for Light Rail Transit should include the Hamilton Street Railway as the party responsible to operate ~~and maintain~~ the new Light Rail Transit line, and any other future transit expansion, in the city of Hamilton.

- (b) That the Motion respecting Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton, be further amended by adding a new sub-section (b), to read as follows:
 - (b) That staff be directed to report back to the General Issues Committee with the results of the negotiations, respecting Metrolinx consideration of including the Hamilton Street Railway as the party responsible to operate the new Light Rail Transit in the city of Hamilton, and any associated costs, prior to the City of Hamilton providing any final approvals related to the Hamilton Light Rail Transit project.

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

Yeas:	Ferguson, VanderBeek, Pasuta, Partridge, Eisenberger, A. Johnson
Total:	6
Nays:	Green, Merulla, Jackson, Skelly, Whitehead, Farr, Pearson
Total:	7
Absent:	Collins, B. Johnson, Conley
Total:	3

The Main Motion, respecting Keep Hamilton's Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton, CARRIED, on the following Standing Recorded Vote:

Yeas:	Green, Merulla, Jackson, Skelly, Whitehead, Farr, Partridge, VanderBeek, Pearson
Total:	9
Nays:	Eisenberger, A. Johnson, Pasuta, Ferguson
Total:	4
Absent:	Collins, B. Johnson, Conley
Total:	3

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

Councillor A. Johnson withdrew the following Notice of Motion:

(ii) Endorsement of a Unionized Hamilton Light Rail Transit Work Force (Item 10.2)

WHEREAS, Light Rail Transit will be publicly owned and publicly controlled;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the principle of a unionized Hamilton Light Rail Transit work force, be endorsed.

(f) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)

Receipt of following correspondence was inadvertently overlooked during this meeting and will therefore be placed on a future GIC agenda to be received into the official record:

- 11.1 Correspondence from Henry Geissler, respecting a Petition containing 188 Signatures regarding Removal of Trees in the International Village, as it relates to the Light Rail Transit Project
- 11.2 Correspondence from Peter O'Hagan, respecting Concerns related to the Hamilton Light Rail Transit Project
- 11.3 Correspondence from Robert Brosius, respecting the Hamilton Light Rail Transit Project
- 11.4 Correspondence from Cynthia Lokker respecting Continued Support of the Hamilton Light Rail Transit Project
- 11.5 Correspondence from Mike Gallagher, Business Manager – Local 793 and International Vice President, International Union of Operating Engineers

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 13)

There being no further business, the General Issues Committee adjourned at 1:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

J. Farr, Deputy Mayor
Chair, General Issues Committee

Stephanie Paparella
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk