



INFORMATION REPORT

TO:	Mayor and Members General Issues Committee
COMMITTEE DATE:	August 9, 2017
SUBJECT/REPORT NO:	Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056(a)) (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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Council Direction:

On April 26, 2017 Council ratified the report Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum for B-Line (PED17056) (City Wide) (Item 8.2) which provided the following direction:

- (a) That the Hamilton B-Line Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum, attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED17056 be updated to include the 3km section from Queenston Traffic Circle to Eastgate as shown in the 2011 approved EPR;
- (b) That the updated EPR Addendum for an LRT system from Eastgate to McMaster be submitted by staff to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) and after the EPR is submitted, a copy of the final submission be provided to Council for information;
- (c) That the current Provincial procurement process be updated to include the 3km section from the Queenston Traffic Circle to Eastgate as outlined in the updated EPR Addendum; and
- (d) That this resolution be forwarded to the Province of Ontario, the Premier and Minister of Transportation and Metrolinx.

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Information:

Following the April 26, 2017 council direction as stated above, the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Environmental Project Report (EPR) Addendum was updated to include the 3km section from Queenston Traffic Circle to Eastgate. This updated EPR Addendum from McMasterto Eastgate was submitted to the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change (MOECC) on May 26, 2017. The 30-day public review period began May 29, 2017 and concluded on June 28, 2017. A total of 35 submissions were received, of which 22 were formal objections. Responses were provided to all comments and included within an amended EPR. The EPR was updated with those responses and submitted to MOECC, initiating the 35-day Minister review period. Following this review period the Minister of the Environment and Climate Change provides notice to the LRT Office stating the project can proceed, can proceed subject to conditions or request additional work to be completed prior to proceeding.

Copies of the amended reports are available on the LRT website at www.hamilton.ca/lrt and a hard copy is available through the Clerk's office.

Notice from the Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change will be received no later than August 2, 2017 and staff will provide a verbal update on the results of the Minister's review at the General Issues Committee meeting.

On June 6, 2017 the City of Hamilton received a letter from Metrolinx acknowledging the April 26, 2017 Council resolution and confirming that Metrolinx and the City are working together to add the 3 kilometre extension to Eastgate as part of the \$1B project budget.

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