

CITY OF HAMILTON

NOTICE OF MOTION

Special General Issues Committee (LRT): August 9, 2017

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR M. GREEN.....

Keep Hamilton’s Light Rail Transit (LRT) Public - Operation and Maintenance of LRT in Hamilton

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;

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.