

LRT GIC – CONTINUOUS CHANGES

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Good morning ~~Mr~~ Chair, Mayor and Councillors
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I would like to focus today on a number of issues that I would like reclarified.

The first one pertains to the \$ 1 B that the “province” has supposedly promised us , however based on the April 13 presentation at McMaster , and I quote” Mayor Fred Eisenberger also noted the LRT project is being financed (over 30 years) and “there isn’t a billion dollars just lying around.”

This comment came as quite a shock to me as through this whole LRT process we have all been lead to believe that the \$ 1B was sitting there for us as promised by the Liberal govt’ .So what are we to believe now? Council voted in support of the LRT based on receiving and securing that \$1 B. And if I may quote once again , this being said by Councillor Ferguson, The main reason why I supported the LRT is I couldn’t turn down \$ 1 B as well as Councillor Jackson stating that he “ didn’t want to throw the \$ 1 B away by turning the project down. So I would like to ask the Mayor , Metrolinx and the province whether there is actually \$ 1 B sitting there or not?? And if not then we can safely assume that council was deceived into thinking and believing that money was secured in order to ensure an LRT vote.

The second issue pertains to the new changes with the LRT track alignment and whether this information has been made public ? These changes will create new traffic flow problems , new expropriations, added noise, new lane restrictions, infrastructure adjustments , lack of access onto King st and will change what was once a fairly straight system to one that is interrupted by switching between centre and side alignments. Were these adjustments also reflected in the RFP’s that were recently released ? These alignment changes include Eastgate to Kenora where the tracks are moving to the north side, then crossing back into the

middle. Queenston to Parkdale is being reduced to a single westbound lane to prevent "through traffic" but they don't specify where traffic is to go. King St from Delta to Gage tracks are moving to the north side which will 'dead end' all the side streets that previously would have access to westbound lane. King St from Spring St to Wellington the eastbound traffic lane is being removed and forcing all traffic up Spring to Main to 'pedestrianize' International Village. King St from John St to Bay St the tracks are being moved to the south side*. *This is to fix a huge oversight in the EPR Design Templates. Currently, the Design shows a single westbound lane for traffic downtown. The Macnab Bus Depot does not exist! So they are changing it to add a second traffic lane westbound so buses can turn onto King from John and then turn into the Macnab Bus Depot. King St from Strathcona to Dundurn the tracks are moving to the south side to " allow for greater westbound traffic capacity at the intersection of King Street and Dundurn Street."It is still only 1 lane in front of Victoria Park, so how that will increase capacity is beyond me.

Finally , I would like to reclarify whether \$100 Million dollars has been allocated to McMaster to buy and create a Transit Hub/Mall/Student Centre//Classroom buildings? And whether this will be part of the \$1B ??

THIS IS A FLAWED PLAN AND I AM SURE THAT THE COSTS WILL ALSO BE FLAWED!

How many more changes will occur without public knowledge or consent? What will the plan actually look like? Don't you think we , as taxpaying citizens have a right to know the truth?

Thank you

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