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His Worship Fred Eisenberger
Mayor
City of Hamilton
71 Main Street West, 2nd Floor
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Dear Mayor Eisenberger:

Thank you for Hamilton City Council's resolution regarding the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) project. I appreciate the opportunity to respond.

Transit is an essential service and Ontario is dedicated to getting Ontarians moving in an efficient and cost-effective way. Improving public transit to better serve those who travel within the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area (GTHA) is also vital to our province's economic prosperity.

The government made a clear commitment to work with the City of Hamilton on the transit priorities that work best for the people of Hamilton. As confirmed at our meeting on March 28, the Government of Ontario is committed to working with the City of Hamilton to advance the Hamilton LRT project. To that end, Ontario has confirmed its commitment of up to \$1 billion towards the capital construction costs of the project.

Also, in alignment with our commitment and to support the advancement of the project, Metrolinx will resume their efforts of acquiring land along the LRT corridor. Commitments such as these demonstrate that our government is putting people first by investing in transportation projects that gets both the people and the economy moving. The building of a quality transit system signals that the GTHA is open for business and open for jobs.

Thanks again for reaching out and for this opportunity to respond. Ontario's Government for the People is committed to giving Ontarians a direct say in how we can improve the effectiveness and efficiency of provincial programs and services.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff Yurek", written over a light blue horizontal line.

Honourable Jeff Yurek
Minister of Transportation

c. Councillor Brad Clark, Ward 9 – Upper Stoney Creek