

CITY OF HAMILTON

M O T I O N

Public Works Committee: October 19, 2020

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. FARR.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Appeal to Metrolinx to Resume All Day GO Bus Service in Hamilton

WHEREAS, GO Bus service is operated by Metrolinx and is the only public bus transportation choice for Hamiltonians wishing to travel between Hamilton and Toronto;

WHEREAS, on April 8th, 2020, Metrolinx ceased much of the operation of the traditional all-day frequent express GO Bus service from Hamilton to Toronto;

WHEREAS, Metrolinx ceased this valuable express service near the start of the COVID-19 pandemic and there is no sign of resumption of service; and,

WHEREAS, for off-peak times, the consolation GO Bus service Metrolinx offers is an hourly double-decker bus to Aldershot, where accessibility is a troubling issue for passengers that can only be accommodated on the much smaller footprint lower-level of the bus (the more spacious upper level is inaccessible to many passengers who are disabled, elderly or wanting to keep a close eye on luggage that can only be stored on the lower level);

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Mayor be requested to submit correspondence to the Ministry of Transportation, Metrolinx and the Premiere of Ontario to call for the resumption of All-Day Express Bus Service levels from Hamilton to Toronto at the service level observed prior to April 8, 2020.