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Subject: Hamilton LRT Decision - GO AHEAD

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Hello Hamilton Mayor, Councilors, MP and MPP,

Council, please vote YES for the LRT and move Hamilton forward into the future.

It has been studied and delayed since 2007 and now, APPROVE IT.

You are questioning \$20M operating cost and ignoring \$3.4 Billion capital cost funding and future benefits! A major portion is infrastructure replacement cost – road work, sewers, water mains and other essential services.

If you don't accept this one time offer, what is our cost going to be to replace these old services in the future?

It will certainly be higher than the \$20M being argued about now.

You won't care, because you won't be around or in power!

Remember, all the money is OUR MONEY – whether Federal, Provincial or Municipality – OUR MONEY.

I just read that Hamilton was offered a rail system 40 years ago and Council couldn't make a decision – so it went to Vancouver.

They have an amazing SkyTrain now.

Kitchener has moved forward and benefitted from their LRT for which they had to pay a 1/3.

You are nickel and diming and studying and tabling it to death!

This opportunity will never come again – certainly not in our lifetime.

Forget your personal agendas and wanting to look at alternatives AGAIN.

Move Hamilton forward from a Lunch Bucket City to a forward thinking, thriving and open for business city.

VOTE YES NOW!

Thank you and do the right thing for Hamilton,

John Augstman

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