



HAMILTON COMMUNITY BENEFITS NETWORK

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Moving Forward – Beyond the Debate

8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- 8.1 [Hamilton Light Rail Transit \(LRT\) Project Memorandum of Understanding \(PED21176/CM21012/LS21034\)](#)



The [Hamilton Community Benefits Network](#) (HCBN) is a collective made up of representatives from the ACORN Hamilton, Hamilton-Brantford Building Trades, the Immigrant Working Centre, the Hamilton District Labour Council, the YWCA, Hamilton Food Share, Environment Hamilton local neighbourhood associations, unions and many more organizations that envision an inclusive, thriving city in which all residents have equitable opportunities to contribute to building healthy communities and a prospering economy.



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- G. The Province continues to recognize the critical importance of building affordable housing near transit stations and maximizing high quality jobs and benefits for communities adjacent to or affected by the Project. The Province will work with the City and community stakeholders to endeavour to determine how best to support these goals of affordable housing and community benefits as part of transit project delivery.



Leveraging the Hamilton LRT to maximum Community Gain through a Signed CBA.

- Affordable Housing is a must. The often discussed Waterloo ION LRT generated only 11 units of affordable housing on the whole corridor
- Employment Opportunities must be leveraged to lift marginalized into career paths -> Both Professional, Administrative and Technical as well as Union Changes
- Local arts employment must be considered for all project art opportunities
- Community Input on the changes happening directly in there neighbourhood is a must
- Small Business support and communication/planning, especially racialized and women own businesses
- Finally it is incumbent on this council to pass inclusionary zoning on the Transit Oriented Development corridor to leverage the development boom along the line.