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Subject: LRT MOU

Hello, My June 16th prediction was correct - We are going to reduce service for many Hamiltonians to justify giving some Hamiltonians the gold carpet treatment.

Can we answer the question - How exactly does a federal funding program which specifies 40% funding to provincially owned projects slide the extra 10% (in this case \$340 million dollars) to Hamilton for the provincially owned LRT? It's weird no one wants to answer that question, especially in light of the connection between the Infrastructure minister who had to extort the province to come to the table and our wonderful city.

It's odd that after months have passed no one can state exactly what the 'numerous conditions' to get the funding are. It's a great precedent. It's sure as that if a kid was offered a free car with numerous conditions, 100 times out of 100 the response would be "well don't accept it until you know all the conditions".

The MOU is missing things :

Who is paying for insurance? This is a multi million dollar yearly cost and Metrolinx does not state they'll happily cover it.

In the MOU a couple of things should be added -

1)Metrolinx knows and understands they will only accept a bid package that contains

A) a current MOU with ATU 107. (the ridiculous argument has been made that if we were to go ahead and build it, if the operator didn't choose ATU 107 for driver representation, well then we would just boycott it. When you mess with the bus union you're messing with the buses for the entire city of Hamilton)

B) a delineation of how Projectco will be providing 7000 local high paying jobs to Hamiltonians. (as this is a main selling point from members of your table, we should ensure truth)

C) that Hamilton will retain Naming Rights for all stops and that all the members of the table who vote in the affirmative for this project should have a stop named after them. Hamiltonians deserve to remember always why their city is on track for #1 unaffordability, bus service was reduced to many, taxes are skyrocketing and homeless people are camping on trains because we were so far off the mark on ridership projections that they may as well ride it so at least it's not empty 95% of the day.

best regards,
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