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Subject: Apr 13 Council - GIC Item 9

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Hello,

Please include this for Wednesday council meeting regarding item 9 of the GIC report -

The Strategic Land Acquisition Plan Along the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Corridor motion needs an amendment before staff can proceed -

whereas, Former Infrastructure Minister Catherine Mckenna was quite adamant during the announcement for 1.7 billion in LRT funding for the city of Hamilton that there would be conditions

"That's why as part of the deal, we have a number of conditions that will maximize the benefits to Hamiltonians. That's everything from more affordable housing~"

and whereas, there is not a single person in any level of government that can tell us what those conditions are;

and whereas, as recently as 2 weeks ago staff were saying "federal commitments to affordable housing", which was just a repeat of what the Minister had said in May, 2021;

and whereas the Prime Minister and his colleagues were in town last week talking about affordable housing and NOT ONE SINGLE MENTION OF LRT;

therefore be it resolved, that staff or someone, anyone, in the City of Hamilton, sit down with the feds/Metrolinx and get the list of conditions that were imposed at the time the LRT funding was announced, to be presented to GIC at the earliest opportunity;

and therefore be it resolved, once that is complete: That staff, in collaboration with the federal and provincial Governments and Metrolinx, be directed to establish a strategic land disposition and or acquisition plan along the Hamilton LRT corridor for the purpose of planning to deliver future municipal services including, but not limited to, parks, as well as non-profit affordable housing and report back to the General Issues Committee.

I don't think there is an answer. If there is, I don't think supporters want to hear it. I think it will be embarrassing to them when what happened along ION happens here.

regards,
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