



**LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SUB-COMMITTEE
MINUTES 23-005**

9:30 a.m.

Monday, December 11, 2023

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Mayor A. Horwath, Councillors M. Wilson (Chair), N. Nann (Vice-Chair) C. Cassar, J.P. Danko, M. Francis, T. Hwang and C. Kroetsch

Absent with

Regrets: Councillors M. Francis and T. Hwang - Personal

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. **Hamilton Light Rail Transit Community Benefits Update (PED23262) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 9.1)**

(Cassar/Danko)

That Report PED23262, respecting Hamilton Light Rail Transit Community Benefits Update (City Wide), be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath

Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson

Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch

Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann

Not Present - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang

Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko

Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

**2. Light Rail Transit Strategic Site Selection – Update Report (PED23142(a))
(Wards 1,2, 3, 4 and 5) (Item 15.2)**

(Nann/Cassar)

- (a) That the direction provided to staff in the Closed Session, respecting Report PED23412(a) be approved; and
- (b) That the entirety of Report PED23412(a) Light Rail Transit Strategic Site Selection – Update Report remain confidential and not be released as a public document.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Not Present - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

The Committee Clerk advised of the following change to the agenda:

8. PRESENTATIONS

- 8.2 (a) Report respecting Getting Hamilton's LRT on the Right Track

(Cassar/Danko)

That the agenda for the December 11, 2023, Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Not Present - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Not Present - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang

Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)

(i) September 25, 2023 (Item 4.1)

(Kroetsch/Cassar)

That the Minutes of the September 25, 2023, meeting of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Not Present - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Not Present - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from Rosa Beraldo respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) is Not Needed (Item 5.1)

(Cassar/Horwath)

That the correspondence from Rosa Beraldo respecting Light Rail Transit (LRT) is Not Needed, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 5 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Not Present - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Not Present - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis

Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

(e) PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Lessons Learned from Waterloo's Light Rail Transit System (Item 8.1)

Mike Murray, former Region of Waterloo Chief Administrative Officer, addressed the Committee respecting Lessons Learned from Waterloo's Light Rail Transit System, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Cassar/Danko)

That the presentation by Mike Murray, former Region of Waterloo Chief Administrative Officer, respecting Lessons Learned from Waterloo's Light Rail Transit System, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Ninder Nann
Not Present - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

(ii) Applying a Climate Justice Lens to the Light Rail Transit (Item 8.2)

McMaster University and Redeemer University students Diana Samanou, Griffin Kinzie, Isabela Sipos, Hannah Horlings, Kiana Craig, and Simon Batusic addressed Committee respecting Applying a Climate Justice Lens to the Light Rail Transit, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Cassar/M. Wilson)

That the presentation from McMaster University and Redeemer University students Diana Samanou, Griffin Kinzie, Isabela Sipos, Hannah Horlings, Kiana Craig, and Simon Batusic respecting Applying a Climate Justice Lens to the Light Rail Transit, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath

Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Not Present - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

For further disposition of this matter, refer to Item (f)(i)

(iii) Report respecting Getting Hamilton's LRT on the Right Track (Added Item 8.2(a))

(1) (Cassar/M. Wilson)

That the Report respecting Getting Hamilton's LRT on the Right Track, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Not Present - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

(2) (Nann/Kroetsch)

That staff be directed to report back to the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee respecting a Terms of Reference for establishing a baseline of measures that would enable the City to track changes over time with respect to a wide and comprehensive range of metrics including economic, environmental and social metrics.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
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Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
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(f) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 13)

Councillor M. Wilson relinquished the Chair to Councillor Danko in order to introduce the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Applying a Climate Justice Lens to the Light Rail Transit Recommendations (Added Item 13.1)

That staff be directed to review the presentation respecting Applying a Climate Justice Lens to the Light Rail Transit and report back to the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee respecting what recommendations the City is acting on and if there are additional recommendations for the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee to consider.

Councillor M. Wilson assumed the Chair.

(g) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 14)

(i) Amendment to the Outstanding Business List (Item 14.1)

(Cassar/Kroetsch)

That the following amendment to the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee Outstanding Business List, be approved:

(1) Items Considered Complete and Needing to be Removed (Item 14.1(a))

- (i) Metrolinx Community Benefits Approach (Item 14.1(a)(a))**
Item on OBL: D
Addressed as Item 9.1 (PED23262) (on today's agenda)

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Not Present - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

(h) **PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 15)**

(i) **Closed Session Minutes - September 25, 2023**

(Cassar/Danko)

That the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee Closed Session Minutes of September 25, 2023, be approved and remain confidential.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Not Present - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

(Cassar/Nann)

That the Committee move into Closed Session respecting Item 15.2, Light Rail Transit Strategic Site Selection – Update Report (PED23142(a)) (Wards 1,2, 3, 4 and 5), pursuant to Section 9.3, Sub-sections (c) and (k) of the City's Procedural By-law 21-021, as amended, and Section 239(2), Sub-sections (c) and (k) of the *Ontario Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, as the subject matter pertains to a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for City or a local board purposes; and a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the City or a local board.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Not Present - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Not Present - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

**(ii) Light Rail Transit Strategic Site Selection – Update Report
(PED23142(a)) (Wards 1,2, 3, 4 and 5) (Item 15.2)**

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 2.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)

(Cassar/Kroetsch)

That there being no further business, the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee adjourned at 12:33 p.m.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 6 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
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Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Not Present - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
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Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor M. Wilson, Chair,
Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee

Carrie McIntosh
Legislative Coordinator
Office of the City Clerk