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Dear Jason,

I am writing to provide clarity around the operations and maintenance responsibilities for the Hamilton LRT.

As you are aware, the Hamilton LRT is a provincially owned and delivered asset and decision making regarding the LRT's assets resides with the Province and Metrolinx, including determining operations and maintenance roles and responsibilities for the project. Maintenance responsibilities can be divided into day-to-day maintenance, which are tied to the operations of the LRT, and lifecycle maintenance, which are activities to ensure assets are in a state of good repair.

As the asset owner, Metrolinx will be responsible for undertaking all lifecycle maintenance activities to the specifications of its choosing, which has been the case of all provincially owned LRT projects.

The model for operations and some aspects of non-lifecycle (i.e., day-to-day) maintenance activities, including determining which party will be responsible to perform such activities, is subject to future Provincial decision-making. Non-lifecycle maintenance activities may include, but are not limited to, cleaning, snow and waste clearing, and/or minor corrective work such as lighting replacements.

As noted by Hamilton City staff in prior LRT subcommittees, there are several models for how the operational activities of the Hamilton LRT can be performed. I understand Hamilton City staff are currently reviewing a number of options to make a recommendation to Metrolinx on the City's preferred approach to operations. As work on the implementation of the project continues to evolve, there will be opportunities for further discussions on certain aspect of non-lifecycle maintenance.

Should you have any questions or require further clarification, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Felix Fung".

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