

Hamilton LRT

Public transit for the public by the public.

Keeping LRT Operations Public

I could make the case for a publicly owned and operated light rail transit service.

Instead, I'll allow some of you to do it from your 2022 election commitments...

“Do you support keeping all operations related to running public transit by HSR (ATU 107) including LRT (operations, maintenance and administrative support) publicly funded? Are you willing to stand up to the province to demand that transit should operate publicly in the city?”*

“YES.”

Max Francis
Ward 5 Councillor

“YES.”

Tom Jackson
Ward 6 Council

* from the ATU 107 2022 Election Survey

“...a publicly funded system – more so than a public-private partnership, will ensure that the focus is not just on profits for private companies, but on access and quality. Public transit is a public good, and so it should remain for the HSR and LRT.”

Esther Pauls, Ward 7 Councillor
from the ATU 107 Election 2022 Survey

“...council needs work with the province to keep it public. The City must have oversight of and responsibility for the operation of its system in order to provide and maintain safe, dependable transit throughout the city. Reliable, consistent, publicly provided service reduces traffic and congestion, provides equitable travel to places of employment, education and other services, and is part of a forward-looking climate-resilient plan for the city.”

Craig Cassar, Ward 12 Councillor
from the ATU 107 Election 2022 Survey

“Public transit is a public good and it ought to remain in the public realm and sphere because it is for our people. It's about ensuring that our people are getting from point A to point B and as a public good we should be hiring our own public people in order to ensure that they are getting great living wage jobs and keeping Hamilton more affordable.”

Tammy Hwang, Ward 4 Councillor
from the ATU 107 Election 2022 Survey

“There is a lot of evidence that points to the failure of P3s. And I believe public services deliver the best return on investment, highest degree of accountability and best quality of service. I would certainly support the LRT being public transit in this city with ATU unionized workers operating, maintaining and supporting it.”

Nrinder Nann, Ward 3 Councillor
from the ATU 107 Election 2022 Survey

“...oppose the Provincial government should they try to privatize Hamilton’s local transit system. I am confident, however, that the LRT Memorandum of Understanding lets the City determine this.”

Cameron Kroetsch, Ward 2 Councillor
from the ATU 107 Election 2022 Survey

“I fully support keeping all operations related to running public transit publicly funded and ensuring that they are operated, maintained, and supported by the HSR and ATU 107.”

Andrea Horwath, Mayor
from the ATU 107 Election 2022 Survey

Thanks to many of you for making the first part of
my delegation so easy!

You've seen the polling, but let's dig a bit deeper...

Of those who are **DECIDED** in every ward and across the city, the number is not just two-thirds; the supporters of HSR OPERATIONS are overwhelming...

Ward 1 - 97.4%	Ward 6 - 93.4%	Ward 11 - 100%
Ward 2 - 88.8%	Ward 7 - 84.3%	Ward 12 - 67%
Ward 3 - 98.5%	Ward 8 - 86.3%	Ward 13 - 88.9%
Ward 4 - 91.7%	Ward 9 - 68.2%	Ward 14 - 75.8%
Ward 5 - 93.7%	Ward 10 - 88.6%	Ward 15 - 55.8%

City-Wide - 89.6%

Who's in charge?

Ministry of Transportation January 22, 2024	Metrolinx Communications February 1, 2024	Metrolinx COO March 12, 2024
<p>“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.”</p> <p>“The model for operations and some aspects of non-lifecycle maintenance activities, including determining which party will be responsible to perform such activities, is subject to future Provincial decision-making.”</p>	<p>“In general, when Metrolinx releases procurement documents for projects more details are made available at that time. We don’t have anything to share with you right now as we’re not at that stage quite yet. We will continue to keep you informed as the project progresses.”</p>	<p>“Metrolinx is ultimately responsible for deciding which parties will be responsible for the various Operator roles for the HaLRT.”</p> <p>At the bottom of the list on considerations for Operations: “The City of Hamilton’s feedback in their role to help operate the LRT.”</p> <p>“This review and decision will occur as part of Metrolinx’s wider procurement strategy.”</p>

The Low-Risk YES Vote!

If this Council's vote REALLY MATTERS in swaying LRT Operations, we ask Councillors to follow their election commitments and follow the polling to vote YES for LRT Operations.

If, ultimately, Metrolinx is going to swoop in and disenfranchise this Council, then you should especially feel fine with voting YES for LRT Operations so that you can stand by your constituents and commitments and let Metrolinx take the hit.

Don't do Metrolinx's work for them by costing ATU 107 jobs with your vote. If Metrolinx and the Ministry of Transportation wished to gut union jobs in Hamilton, let them make the choice and take the responsibility.

