

Hamilton-Brantford Building & Construction Trades Council

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To Hamilton City Council,

Whereas: The privatization and contracting-out of public services leads to safety issues, erosion of service quality, rising costs, short staffing, lack in workers benefits, downward pressures on wages, and long-term systemic issues;

And Whereas: Privatization of the operations and maintenance of the Hamilton LRT will limit local oversight, local control, and local accountability;

And Whereas: ATU Local 107 and the Hamilton Street Railway have delivered safe, efficient and reliable affordable public transit services to Hamiltonians for over a century and a half ;

And Whereas: over 9,000 signatures have been added to the Keep Transit Public campaign petition and more than 7 out of 10 citizens polled support HSR/ATU107 operations and maintenance of the LRT;

And Whereas: ATU 107 has clear and concise collective agreement language regarding existing fixed route services and higher order transit, including successor language around any new fixed route transit services within the urban boundary of Hamilton.

We join the call to Keep Transit Public and request that our City Council abide by the Collective Agreement and **support an LRT where *all* aspects of operations and *all* aspects of non-lifecycle maintenance are publicly run by Hamilton Street Railway and ATU 107.**

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