



**LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SUB-COMMITTEE
REPORT 24-002**

9:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 23, 2024

Council Chambers

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

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

Absent with

Regrets: Mayor A. Horwath and Councillor M. Francis – City Business

THE LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SUB-COMMITTEE PRESENTS REPORT 24-002 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Applying a Climate Justice Lens to Light Rail Transit (PED24087) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

- (i) (a) That the City continue to apply a climate justice lens to the Hamilton Light Rail Transit Project and associated works to ensure that any relevant mitigation and adaptation actions as set out in Hamilton's Climate Action Strategy are implemented in a manner that considers climate justice; and
- (b) That the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee recruit additional non-voting community advisors to the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee table to ensure that the Sub-Committee's composition reflects the community from a climate justice point of view.
- (ii) That staff report back the process to enable recruitment of additional non-voting community advisors to the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee table to ensure that the Sub-Committee's composition reflects the community from a climate justice point of view.

2. Hamilton Light Rail Transit Partial Property Acquisition Update (PED24083) (City Wide) (Item 9.1)

That Report PED24083, respecting Hamilton Light Rail Transit Partial Property Acquisition Update, be received.

3. Hamilton Light Rail Transit Early Works Update (PED24084) (City Wide) (Item 9.2)

That Report PED24084, respecting Hamilton Light Rail Transit Early Works Update, be received.

4. Small Business Supports During Light Rail Transit Major Construction (Item 12.1)

WHEREAS, enabling works have begun for the multi-year major construction for the Light Rail Transit (LRT) project and the City of Hamilton is planning ahead for the major construction works funded by both the Provincial and the Federal Governments;

WHEREAS, small businesses in Hamilton make up the majority of employment and contribute to the economic development and vitality of the city;

WHEREAS, of the 16,348 businesses with employees in Hamilton, approximately 56% employ fewer than four people and 75% employ nine or fewer people, meaning that small and micro businesses make up the majority of the city's businesses which contribute to the economic development and vitality of the city (source: InvestInHamilton, 2024, and Canadian Business Counts, June 2021);

WHEREAS, small businesses that are situated along and adjacent to the LRT corridor will be impacted by construction of the project;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton seeks to reduce disruption to small businesses along the 14-kilometre LRT corridor;

WHEREAS, other municipalities in Canada that undertook major transit corridor construction like Toronto, Montreal, and Kitchener-Waterloo implemented small business supports including grants and incentives for the impacted businesses; and

WHEREAS, the City of Toronto in partnership with the Federal Economic Development Agency for Southern Ontario (FEDDEV Ontario) implemented the

Transit Expansion Construction Mitigation Grant Program to support businesses and business associations impacted by major transit construction works.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That staff be directed to research and explore potential small business grant and support programs available to the City of Hamilton, small businesses, or Business Improvement Areas during the Light Rail Transit (LRT) major construction to support impacted businesses along and adjacent to the LRT;
- (b) That staff be directed to complete a jurisdictional scan of grants and best practices to support small businesses once every year until the substantial completion of the Hamilton LRT project and that the results of this scan be presented to Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee; and
- (c) That staff be directed to collaborate with Metrolinx, FEDDEV Ontario, and other funding agencies to enable the implementation and marketing of these small business supports ahead of LRT major construction.

FOR INFORMATION:

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

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

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

- 6.1 James Kemp respecting Keeping the City Accessible During the Construction Process (Virtually) (For today's meeting)

8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- 8.1 Applying a Climate Justice Lens to Light Rail Transit (PED24087) (City Wide)

The agenda for the May 23, 2024, Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee meeting was approved, as amended.

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

There were no declarations of interest.

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

(i) January 29, 2024 (Item 4.1)

The Minutes of the January 29, 2024, meeting of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee were approved, as presented.

(d) COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)

(i) Correspondence from Rose Janson respecting Our Transit System should remain PUBLIC! (Item 5.1)

The Correspondence from Rose Janson respecting Our Transit System should remain PUBLIC!, was received.

(e) DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)

(i) James Kemp respecting Keeping the City Accessible During the Construction Process (Virtually) (For today's meeting) (Added Item 6.1)

The Delegation Request from James Kemp respecting Keeping the City Accessible During the Construction Process, was approved for today's meeting.

(f) DELEGATIONS (Item 7)

(i) James Kemp respecting Keeping the City Accessible During the Construction Process (Added Item 7.1)

James Kemp addressed Committee respecting Keeping the City Accessible During the Construction Process.

The Delegation from James Kemp respecting Keeping the City Accessible During the Construction Process, was received.

(g) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Applying a Climate Justice Lens to Light Rail Transit (PED24087) (City Wide) (Item 8.1)

Lynda Lukasik, Director of the Office of Climate Change Initiatives, and Beatrice Ekoko, Project Manager, Climate Change Initiatives, addressed Committee respecting Applying a Climate Justice Lens to Light Rail Transit (PED24087), with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Kroetsch/Cassar)

That the presentation from Lynda Lukasik, Director- Office of Climate Change Initiatives, and Beatrice Ekoko, Project Manager, Climate Change Initiatives, respecting Applying a Climate Justice Lens to Light Rail Transit (PED24087), be received.

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

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

(h) MOTIONS (Item 12)

The following Item was WITHDRAWN:

(i) Applying a Climate Justice Lens to the Light Rail Transit Recommendations (Item 12.2)

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.

(i) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)

There being no further business, the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee adjourned at 11:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor N. Nann, Chair,
Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee

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