



**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 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

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 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) **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.

**(1) (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

**(2) (Nann/Kroetsch)**

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.

**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

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

**(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

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

**(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) Establishing a Baseline of Measures respecting Getting Hamilton's LRT on the Right Track (Added Item 13.1)**

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.

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  
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(i) **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  
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

Respectfully submitted,

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

Carrie McIntosh  
Legislative Coordinator  
Office of the City Clerk