

CITY OF HAMILTON
MOTION

Council: February 12, 2025

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. JACKSON.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR M. FRANCIS.....

Deferral of 2025 Budgeted Funding Related to Light Rail Transit (LRT)

WHEREAS, the General Issues Committee (Budget) on November 28, 2024, received a Memorandum respecting a Budget Process Update;

WHEREAS, members of Council may propose amendments to the Proposed 2025 Tax Supported Budget;

WHEREAS, Council recently declared an Affordability Crisis in the City of Hamilton;

WHEREAS, Hamilton residential taxpayers are subject to amongst the highest per-capita municipal taxes in the country;

WHEREAS, the Capital costs of the Hamilton Light-Rail Transit (LRT) should not cost Hamiltonians anything as the provincial and federal levels of government should be providing the requisite funding;

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton Budget Report FCS25004 has a total of \$6,053,800 Gross (\$2,363,800 Net) budgeted for projects LRT related to be paid from Development Charges including Debt and from Operating listed in the Proposed City of Hamilton Budget and Financing Plan as follows:

- (1) Sherman - King to south end (LRT Enabling): \$23,800 (Page 39, 4032311013);
- (2) Frid St. Extension - Chatham to Longwood \$2,700,000 (\$2,025,000 from Development Charges Including Debt) and Net Cost of \$675,000 from Operating (Page 49, 4032580381); and
- (3) Public Realm Improvements LRT costing \$3,330,000 (\$1,655,000 from Development Charges including debt and Net Cost of \$1,665,000 from Operating)(Page 65).

WHEREAS, the provincial government is providing \$1.7 billion for the implementation of the LRT;

WHEREAS, in April 2024, the Cabinet Representative of the federal government was quoted in the media stating there is no signed funding agreement as Metrolinx has yet to submit a business plan to them for \$1.7 billion.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the following Light Rail Transit (LRT) related projects BE REMOVED from the Proposed 2025 Tax Supported Budget equal to a reduction in \$6,053,800 Gross (\$2,363,800 Net):

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