



**LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SUB-COMMITTEE
MINUTES 24-004**

9:30 a.m.

Friday, November 15, 2024

Council Chambers (Hybrid)

Hamilton City Hall

71 Main Street West

Present: Mayor A. Horwath (Virtually), Councillors N. Nann (Chair), C. Kroetsch (Vice Chair), C. Cassar, J.P. Danko (Virtually), M. Francis (Virtually), T. Hwang and M. Wilson

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE REFERRED TO GENERAL ISSUES COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Terms of Reference for a Change Tracking Framework for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (PED24207) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.2)

(Kroetsch/Cassar)

- (a) That the Terms of Reference attached as Appendix "A" to Report PED24207 be received and utilized as the basis for developing a framework and associated set of indicators for tracking change in the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (LRT) corridor; and
- (b) That staff be directed to continue to refine the change tracking framework and report back to the Light Rail Transit (LRT) Sub-Committee on a final set of recommended indicators and reporting structure in 2025.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 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
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

2. Information on Potential Grant and Support programs related to Light Rail Transit Construction (PED24182) (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) (Item 9.1)

(Hwang/Kroetsch)

That Report PED24182, respecting Information on Potential Grant and Support programs related to Light Rail Transit Construction, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 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
Yes - 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 changes to the agenda:

8. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

- 8.1 Recruiting Additional LRT Sub-Committee Advisors in Order to Facilitate Consideration of Climate Justice (PED24087(a)) (City ide) (Outstanding Business List Item) - PRESENTATION REVISED

(Hwang/Cassar)

That the agenda for the November 15, 2024, Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee meeting be approved, as amended.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 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
Yes - 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 20, 2024 (Item 4.1)

(Hwang/Kroetsch)

That the Minutes of the September 20, 2024, meeting of the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee be approved, as presented.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 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
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

(d) STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 8)

(i) Recruiting Additional LRT Sub-Committee Advisors in Order to Facilitate Consideration of Climate Justice (PED24087(a)) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.1)

(1) Beatrice Ekwa Ekoko, Project Manager - Climate Change Initiatives, addressed Committee respecting Report PED24087(a), Recruiting Additional LRT Sub-Committee Advisors in Order to Facilitate Consideration of Climate Justice, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Kroetsch/Hwang)

That the presentation from Beatrice Ekwa Ekoko, Project Manager - Climate Change Initiatives, respecting Report PED24087(a), Recruiting Additional LRT Sub-Committee Advisors in Order to Facilitate Consideration of Climate Justice, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 8 to 0, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
Yes - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nringer Nann
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

(2) (Hwang/Horwath)

- (a) That the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee's Terms of Reference be amended to include additional non-voting community advisors to ensure that the Sub-Committee's composition reflects the community from a climate justice point of view, as follows:

Membership

Membership of the committee will consist of the Mayor and Councillors along the B-Line corridor. Additional Councillors that represent various interests should be on the sub-committee. These include (a representative of the mountain and the rural/suburban wards as well).

Other representatives of the community – key stakeholders will be asked to attend as advisors to the sub-committee. These can include but are not limited to (Chamber of Commerce, BIA's, HHHBA, institutional and business partners).

Non-Voting Community Advisors that reflect the community from a climate justice point of view. These Advisors can include but are not limited to the Urban Indigenous community, Black community, women, gender diverse individuals, 2SLGBTQIA+, youth, seniors, newcomers/refugees, persons with disabilities, and low-income Hamiltonians.

- (b) That staff be directed to proceed with efforts to recruit Non-Voting Community Advisors that reflect the community from a climate justice point of view to the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee, including reaching out to local organizations that offer support to frontline communities.

(3) (Horwath/M. Wilson)

That Report PED24087(a), respecting Recruiting Additional LRT Sub Committee Advisors in Order to Facilitate Consideration of Climate Justice, be REFERRED back to staff for a report back to the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee with the direction to provide the Sub-Committee with more options to integrate a climate equity lens reflective of the discussion of the Sub-Committee at its November 15, 2024 meeting.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 to 1, as follows:

Yes - Mayor Andrea Horwath
Yes - Ward 1 Councillor Maureen Wilson
No - Ward 2 Councillor Cameron Kroetsch
Yes - Ward 3 Councillor Nrinder Nann
Yes - Ward 4 Councillor Tammy Hwang
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

(ii) Terms of Reference for a Change Tracking Framework for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit (PED24207) (City Wide) (Outstanding Business List Item) (Item 8.2)

Abdul Shaikh, Director - LRT Project Office, and Farhad Shahla, Manager - LRT Technical Services and Approvals Coordination, addressed Committee respecting Report PED24207, Terms of Reference for a Change Tracking Framework for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit, with the aid of a PowerPoint presentation.

(Kroetsch/Cassar)

That the presentation from Abdul Shaikh, Director - LRT Project Office, and Farhad Shahla, Manager - LRT Technical Services and Approvals Coordination, respecting Report PED24207, Terms of Reference for a Change Tracking Framework for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit, be received.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 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

Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

For disposition of this matter, refer to Item 1.

(e) NOTICES OF MOTION (Item 13)

Councillor Nann relinquished the Chair to Councillor Kroetsch in order to introduce the following Notice of Motion:

(i) Request that Staff from Metrolinx Attend the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee (Added Item 13.1)

WHEREAS, as owner of the Hamilton Light Rail Transit project, Metrolinx is responsible for project procurement, scheduling and delivery; and

WHEREAS, the Hamilton Light Rail Transit Sub Committee's mandate includes providing input and guidance to the LRT Office project team on significant issues and decisions, as well as, engages the broader community on a regular basis throughout the design, planning and construction process of the LRT; and

WHEREAS, the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee is the most direct source of official updates for the residents of Hamilton.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the City of Hamilton request that staff from Metrolinx attend the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee on a regular basis to provide updates on project milestones and the overall progress of the project, to inform and educate residents about the project, and to leverage an opportunity to understand better the areas impacted.

Councillor Nann assumed the Chair.

(f) PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL (Item 15)

Committee determined that discussion of Item 15.1 was not required in Closed Session; therefore, the matter was addressed in Open Session, as follows:

(i) Closed Session Minutes - September 20, 2024 (Item 15.1)

(Hwang/Francis)

That the Closed Session minutes of the September 20, 2024 Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee meeting, be approved and remain confidential.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 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
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
Yes - Ward 8 Councillor John Paul Danko
Yes - Ward 12 Councillor Craig Cassar

(g) ADJOURNMENT (Item 16)

(Hwang/Kroetsch)

That there being no further business, the Light Rail Transit Sub-Committee be adjourned at 11:59 a.m.

Result: Motion CARRIED by a vote of 7 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
Yes - Ward 5 Councillor Matt Francis
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Respectfully submitted,

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

Carrie McIntosh
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