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Subject: Jul 9 GIC - Item 8.5 / 8.1 Tracking Metrics

On Mon, Jul 7, 2025 at 6:06 PM Gabriel Nicholson wrote:

Hello Chair, Vice Chair and Members of GIC

The Tracking Framework 8.1 in the Light Rail Transit Subcommittee Minutes is missing an important metric:

Does Metrolinx have the committed funding to produce 100% of a Light Rail Transit in Hamilton?

THE ANSWER IS NO; and this is 100% evident and provable because Metrolinx can not say they have a signed funding agreement with the federal government for \$1.7 Billion dollars.

This is not Conspiracy Theory; multiple times in the last year a Federal Cabinet Minister is on record stating they are waiting for Metrolinx to submit a business plan to sign a funding agreement.

METROLINX HAS NEVER REFUTED THIS.

The funding stream is supposedly the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), a federal program whose guidelines state a New Provincial Transit Project is eligible for 40% of funding.

Hamilton getting 50% has never been addressed. When the Infrastructure Minister made the announcement in May 2021 it was said there were conditions to getting the money

Those conditions have never been acknowledged.

There is a website for the federal program ICIP. Neither the dataset "about projects submitted for funding approval" or the dataset for "approved project lists includes all announced projects." contain any mention of a Hamilton Light Rail Transit project; while both datasets do have other Hamilton projects funded and funding for Light Rail Transit in other cities.

WHERE IS THE \$1.7 BILLION DOLLAR SIGNED COMMITMENT FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT?

Metrolinx held a public virtual meeting on June 24, Thru their approved channels I submitted the question:

Is there a signed federal funding agreement for a commitment of \$1.7 Billion and when was the business plan submitted to get to the signing?

METROLINX HID THIS QUESTION FROM ATTENDEES.

On June 26 I emailed the question to Metrolinx and 17 minutes later I got a response that was no answer to my question (I will paste it below). When I pointed out that it was not an answer, I got no response. Hours later I emailed "did you get my email?"

24 hours later on Friday June 27th, Metrolinx replied **"Yes, we have received your email and are working on a response."**

Monday passed, Tuesday was Canada Day, Wednesday came and went.

On Thursday July 3rd, I again emailed asking for "Any word on this?" Metrolinx responded **"We are in the process of preparing a response and will get back to you as soon as we can."**

Friday and Monday have both come and gone and still no answer from Metrolinx. Smart bet says it's not coming at all.

Why would they need 4 years since the funding announcement and almost 2 weeks to **"PREPARE A RESPONSE"** if they already have a signed federal funding agreement?

IT'S BECAUSE THEY DO NOT HAVE A BUSINESS PLAN TO SUBMIT TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT; THEY WOULD HAVE TO PERJURE THEMSELVES CLAIMING A FULL LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT COULD BE BUILT IN HAMILTON FOR \$3.4 BILLION DOLLARS.

They're spending the Province's \$1.7 Billion as slow as possible to drag it out as long as possible.

And then they'll say "oh well, you got a road"

THEY'RE GOING TO CUT A HOLE IN KING STREET.

It's time for GIC to Demand the Vice President at Metrolinx responsible for Hamilton Light Rail Transit appear at GIC and prove once and for all that a fully completed Light Rail Transit will be built in Hamilton for \$3.4 Billion. With the signed federal funding agreement and the business plan.

Otherwise, shut it down.

Here's the reply I got

Thank you for your question. On May 13, 2021, the Province announced a funding commitment of \$1.7B to advance an LRT project in the City of Hamilton alongside a federal funding commitment of up to \$1.7B under the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program (ICIP), for a total of \$3.4B to support capital costs.

regards,
Gabriel Nicholson