



McMaster Engineering Society

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Dear Mayor Bratina and City Council Members,

My name is Nikola Maric and I am a 4th year Engineering Physics and Management student at McMaster University. Along with my colleague Paula MacDonald, I am organizing the 2011 McMaster Engineering Bus Pull. I am writing to request the use of a full size Hamilton city bus along with an operator for Friday, September 9th 2011.

The McMaster Engineering Bus Pull has been a treasured Orientation Week event for the Faculty of Engineering for over 20 years. First year students have the opportunity to pull a full-size bus downtown to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis Canada. Each year, McMaster Engineering has managed to raise over \$1500. The Hamilton Street Railway has played an extremely important role in the Bus Pull and has become a cherished tradition not only for the Bus Pull event itself, but amongst McMaster Engineering.

Though the exact schedule for the day has not yet been determined, based on last year's schedule, it is expected that we will require the bus and operator for approximately 3 hours. The bus arrived at approximately 11:30 am to the McMaster University Campus and picked up the students. It then transported the students to Hamilton City Hall for an introduction ceremony. After the ceremony, the first year students pulled the bus to the intersection Main Street East and Victoria Avenue South where they stopped for a water break. At this point, the upper year students switched places with the first year students and pulled the bus to Copps Coliseums ending the day at approximately 2:30 pm.

Other than raising funds for a very important and worthy cause, Bus Pull plays another important role. For many students, this is their first time ever seeing Hamilton. Even after living in Hamilton for four years, I have rarely had the chance to explore downtown. For me and all those new to Hamilton, it is a wonderful chance to get involved with this beautiful city and it gives us a unique chance to see it. By pulling an official Hamilton City Bus and seeing the words "McMaster Engineering" in the headlines of the bus, it adds a great deal to the McMaster experience and the students' connection with the city.

As I mentioned, having the students pull the Hamilton Street Railway bus is a very exciting tradition that we have at McMaster and we would love to continue this tradition. Reality is that Cystic Fibrosis is a disease that impacts many families throughout the world. Any donations that the Hamilton Street Railway could provide would greatly help Shinerama and help the University raise as much money as possible to donate to Cystic Fibrosis Canada. Also, this would give not only the students, but the Hamilton community a very positive outlook of the Hamilton Street Railway. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Nikola Maric
Welcome Week Orientation Committee Member