

**CITY OF HAMILTON
M O T I O N**

General Issues Committee Date: September 12, 2011

MOVED BYCOUNCILLOR J. FARR.....

SECONDED BY

Light Rail Transit (LRT) and GO Transit

Whereas in approving Item 6 of Public Works Committee Report 11-016 on October 19, 2008, City Council’s official position is in support of a full investigation of Light Rail Transit (LRT); (see Council motion of record attached hereto)

And Whereas Metrolinx, at both the senior staff and Board levels, have been clear that they are supportive of LRT in Hamilton and have strongly encouraged further investigation;

And Whereas it is critical that Hamilton maintain its position ahead of other GTA municipalities when it comes to being considered for LRT;

And Whereas Hamilton must prepare a strong economic benefits case, including but not limited to: tax assessment growth along the B-Line corridor, jobs during construction and those retained or brought to Hamilton because of LRT, and the costs of not doing LRT;

And Whereas achieving LRT for Hamilton is a long-term project, expected to evolve a period of 5-15 years with opportunities for incremental rapid transit improvements along the way, toward the ultimate LRT goal;

And Whereas achieving GO Transit is of the utmost importance to Hamilton in the short term, and appears to be supported by Metrolinx and the Province of Ontario, yet need not preclude the ongoing preparation of the case for LRT over the longer term.

Therefore Be It Resolved:

- (a) That Council re-affirm its position in support of pursuing a full investigation of LRT over time;
- (b) That a second phase of funding from Metrolinx be requested, ensuring that Hamilton can continue to prepare its case for LRT.
- (c) That Council provide affirmation that pursuit of all-day GO Transit service, including stations at James Street North and Centennial Parkway, be of the highest priority in the short term.

From October 29, 2008:

6. Rapid Transit Feasibility Study – Metrolinx Draft Regional Transportation Plan (PW08043(d)) (City Wide) (Item 7.1)

- (a) That the General Manager, Public Works be authorized and directed to continue discussions with Metrolinx in regards to undertaking the appropriate business case analysis required in order to include the functional design, detail design and construction of the B-line rapid transit corridor for the City of Hamilton in their 2009 - 2013 (5-year) Capital Budget, utilizing Light Rail Technology;
- (b) That the General Manager, Public Works be authorized and directed to continue discussions with Metrolinx in regards to undertaking the Rapid Transit Feasibility Study (Phase 3) in order to continue the planning and design for the A-line rapid transit corridor, utilizing Light Rail Technology, in conjunction with the design and construction of the B-line rapid transit corridor for the City of Hamilton as part of their 2009 - 2013 Capital Budget, with design and construction funds to be included in a future (5-year) Capital Budget;
- (c) That the General Manager, Public Works be authorized and directed to report back to an appropriate Committee of Council following the release of the Final Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan (RTP), Investment Strategy and 5-year Capital Budget;
- (d) That the General Manager, Public Works be authorized to and provide a copy of report PW08043d to the Metrolinx CEO and Chair of the Metrolinx Board for their information and consideration in the development of the final Regional Transportation Plan, Investment Strategy and 2009 - 2013 (5-year) Capital Budget;
- (e) That the General Manager, Public Works be authorized and directed to continue its undertaking of required rapid transit initiative studies and aggressive public consultation program for Rapid Transit in Hamilton;
- (f) That the items related to the Rapid Transit Feasibility Study and the Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan Process be identified as completed and removed from the Public Works Committee Outstanding Business List.