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October 11, 2012

Rose Caterini, City Clerk  
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Dear Ms. Caterini,

**Subject: Notice of Project – James Street North GO Station, 353 James Street North, Hamilton ON**

The attached information package, advising of our intention to build a new GO station at 353 James Street North, was recently sent to the City Engineer at the City of Hamilton. We are also providing you with relevant information on the proposed project, which is scheduled to commence March 2014, with completion expected by March 2017.

I trust that this information is sufficient to provide you with a preliminary understanding of our proposed undertaking. I would appreciate it if you would bring this information to the attention of those members of council who might have an interest.

Should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at 416-869-3600, extension 5529.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Graham'.

Matthew Graham, P.Eng.  
Project Coordinator, Station Infrastructure

Attachment

**James Street North GO Station**  
**353 James Street North, Hamilton, ON**

**INFORMATION PACKAGE**

1. Attachment "A" - Project Overview
2. Attachment "B" - Key Plan
3. Attachment "C" - Expression of Interest Form

**October 4, 2012**

## ATTACHMENT "A"

### James Street North GO Station – 353 James Street North, Hamilton, ON

#### PROJECT OVERVIEW

##### 1.0 Project Name

James Street North GO Station

##### 2.0 Project Purpose and Justification

Over the next twenty years, the expected growth in population and employment in Toronto, Peel, Halton, Hamilton and Niagara municipal regions are forecast to generate a significant transportation demand, which will require additional transportation facilities. The primary mode of travel from the Niagara/Hamilton corridor to the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) is via the Queen Elizabeth Way. As part of the Metrolinx Capital Program, we are planning to build a new GO Station and Temporary Layover Facility at 353 James Street North in Hamilton, Ontario. GO Transit's intention is to provide a commuter train service to the new station and expand the service as ridership increases.

The James Street North GO Station has been identified as a mobility hub within the *Big Move*, Metrolinx's regional transportation plan and will be designed to comply with Metrolinx's Mobility Hub Guidelines. For example, the station must be integrated into the local community through layout, design, architecture and landscaping and provide safe and convenient access for passengers arriving by all modes of travel including walking, cycling and local transit.

##### 3.0 Proposed Work

The proposed work is to build a fully accessible GO Station. The project will be constructed in two phases. The intent is to have the GO station operational by June 2015 after the completion of phase one.

Phase one will include:

- A new station building complete with a ticket sales booth with staff washroom, bus driver's rooms (as required), full service multi-use washrooms, waiting areas.
- A north and south rail platform complete with accessible mini-ramps, platform canopies, integrated heated shelters and platform snow-melt systems.
- A Kiss & Ride with minimum capacity equivalent to 5% of the spaces in the parking lot including a taxi lane and barrier free drop-off.
- A parking lot with approximately 460 parking spots complete with access roads, lighting and site servicing, parking lot to provide designated specialty parking as appropriate (barrier free, reserved, scooter parking, bicycle parking, carpool parking, future electric vehicle parking).
- Pedestrian and bicycle pathways through the site as appropriate to provide access from adjacent roads to bike parking and platform access points.
- A bus loop complete with heated shelters.

- Two storage tracks (on platform) with each having capacity to accommodate single headed twelve car consists with capability to layover trains for peak service.

Phase two will include:

- Pedestrian bridges or tunnels complete with elevators and/or ramps (as determined by the conceptual and preliminary design) providing two access points to the rail platforms.

#### 4.0 Class EA Process

In November 2009, Metrolinx initiated a Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Hamilton to Niagara Peninsula Rail Expansion. The study included the review of the need and justification for the extension, alternative solutions for stations and train layover sites, rail corridor improvements, alternative preliminary designs and an evaluation of the impacts on all aspects of the environment. In May 2011, an EA was approved for the expansion of the Lakeshore West rail corridor to Niagara with potential station stops at James Street North, Centennial Parkway, Casablanca Boulevard, Fifty Road, Beamsville, St. Catharines and Niagara Falls.

The EA report did not include provision of a train layover facility at James Street North Station. The train layover facility was added to the project's scope of work after the EA report was completed.

An environmental impact evaluation will be completed for the temporary layover facility, which includes a noise study and air quality study. A public information centre will be organized to communicate the environmental impact evaluation to the public.

#### 5.0 Site Map

The attached plan shows the location of the proposed undertaking.

#### 6.0 Anticipated Schedule

##### *Phase One*

Design Start	September 2012
Contract Tender	January 2014
Construction Start	March 2014
Construction Substantial Completion	June 2015

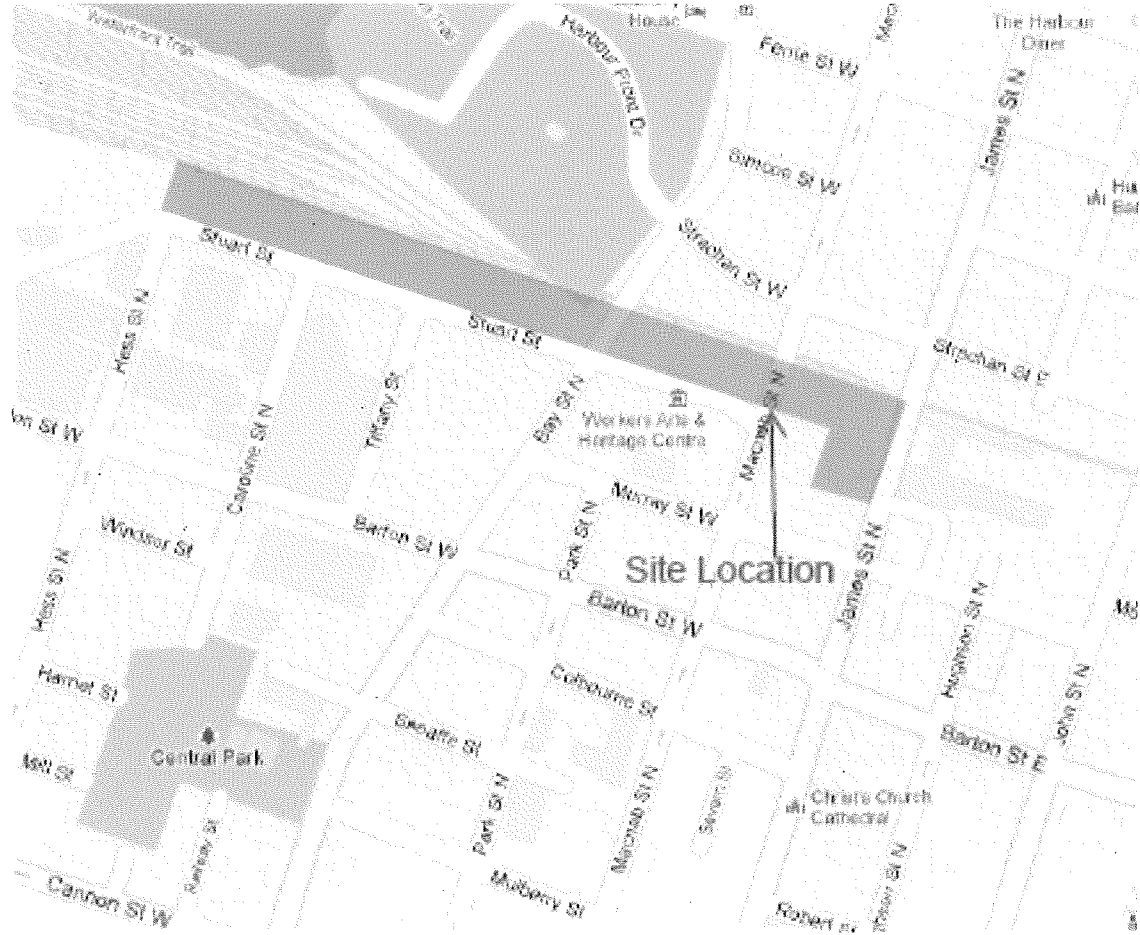
##### *Phase Two*

Design Start	January 2014
Contract Tender	April 2015
Construction Start	August 2015
Construction Substantial Completion	March 2017

ATTACHMENT "B"

James Street North GO Station – 353 James Street North, Hamilton, ON

KEY PLAN



**ATTACHMENT "C"**

**James Street North GO Station – 353 James Street North, Hamilton, ON**

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

**PLEASE RETURN BY: October 31, 2012**

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Please check the appropriate box:

- We wish to be kept informed and would like to remain on the project mailing list. We have comments to provide and they are attached.
- We wish to be kept informed and would like to remain on the project mailing list. At the present time, we have no significant concerns/comments to provide.
- We have no significant concerns regarding the above-noted study. Please remove our name from the project mailing list.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please print)

Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

