



NOTICE OF MOTION

Committee Date: October 3, 2012

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR J. FARR.....

City Representation on the Hamilton Chamber of Commerce Light Rail Transit Task Force

Whereas, the City of Hamilton has committed substantial staffing and financial resources in the preparation of a Light Rail Transit (LRT) Plan, to be completed and ready for submission to Metrolinx by late December 2012/January 2013, and;

Whereas, the next step in the LRT process is for Metrolinx to submit an LRT implementation recommendation to the Province of Ontario by June 2013, and;

Whereas, Hamilton City Council is on record as desiring 100% capital funding from the Province of Ontario for LRT, and;

Whereas, notwithstanding City Council's funding position, Metrolinx has asked GTAH municipalities to participate with them in consideration of alternative funding mechanisms to build LRT such as tax incentive financing, and;

Whereas, on October 13, 2011, John Howe, Vice President, Investment Strategy and Project Evaluation, at Metrolinx stated to Council that the (LRT) project "has such potential and prospect" and that Metrolinx is very "bullish" on Hamilton, yet the City has not yet been aggressive on a government relations project to secure LRT funding for Hamilton, and;

Whereas, the Chamber of Commerce has an LRT Task Force which includes all of the relevant Hamilton partners, including McMaster University, Hamilton and Halton Homebuilders Association, Hamilton Realtors' Association and others.

Therefore be it resolved:

- (a) That the City of Hamilton join the Chamber of Commerce LRT Task Force and jointly implement a government relations project to encourage the Province of Ontario to fund LRT in Hamilton,
- (b) That three Councillors and the Mayor, or designate, represent the City of Hamilton on the Chamber of Commerce's LRT Task Force, supported by the City Manager;
- (c) That this LRT Task Force report back to the General Issues Committee on deliberations of the Chamber Task Force and the results of the government relations project on a regular basis.