

MOTION

Council Date: May 8, 2013

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR B. McHATTIE

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

Re-Affirmation of Council’s Position respecting Rapid Transit with Light Rail Transit (LRT) in the Eastgate to McMaster corridor as the Preferred Option (Report PW08043D)

WHEREAS, City of Hamilton staff and City Council have been working on a detailed rapid transit plan, including LRT in the Eastgate to McMaster corridor, for several years in partnership with Metrolinx and the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS, the Eastgate to McMaster rapid transit corridor is in the top 15 priorities for the Province of Ontario’s Big Move Next Wave Projects;

AND WHEREAS, Hamilton City Council has been consistent in their support for LRT, subject to 100% funding;

AND WHEREAS on February 27, 2013, City Council voted unanimously to request 100% funding from the Province of Ontario for rapid transit with LRT, as the preferred option;

AND WHEREAS, City Council has previously provided direction to City staff to pursue LRT design in the Eastgate to McMaster corridor, in accordance with the Province’s Big Move priority projects; having invested some \$10 million in planning, engineering and design;

AND WHEREAS the Chamber of Commerce’s Light Rail Transit Task Force (members including Councillors Farr, Ferguson, McHattie, and Mayor Bratina) have been working diligently to promote LRT, in support of Council’s position, and in conjunction with many other individuals and organizations in Hamilton;

AND WHEREAS, there are a variety of important transit investments that must be made in Hamilton, including implementing a fully-functioning A-Line transit service and expanding existing routes;

AND WHEREAS, in support of all these transit improvements, the City of Hamilton has submitted our comprehensive “Rapid Ready” report highlighting all of the City’s Transit needs to the Province of Ontario;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Council's February 27, 2013 decision, requesting 100% provincial funding from the Province of Ontario for LRT, be re-affirmed;
- (b) That the Mayor be directed to represent City Council's position on LRT to other government agencies and the private sector;
- (c) That the Mayor be directed to include Councillors Farr, Ferguson and McHattie when communicating on Council transit priorities with the Province of Ontario;
- (d) That a copy of Council's February 27, 2013 resolution respecting a B-Line LRT along the Eastgate to McMaster corridor, and a copy of this motion, be forwarded to the Honourable Kathleen Wynne, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Glen Murray, Minister of Transportation, and Hamilton area M.P.P.'s.