




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
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SUBJECT:	LRT Memorandum of Understanding Update (City Wide)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	City Wide
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At the June 16, 2021 meeting of the General Issues Committee, Council directed staff to “meet with Metrolinx, the Ministry of Transportation and other governmental entities, as required, to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Hamilton Light Rail Transit project, and report back to the General Issues Committee-as soon as possible with a draft MOU”.

The purpose of this Communications Update is to provide Council with an update on the status of these discussions, which have involved staff from the City, Metrolinx and the Ministry of Transportation. The efforts are guided by a steering committee with the bulk of discussions conducted by a working group including members from all three organizations.

The City of Hamilton’s representatives on the Steering Committee are City Manager Janette Smith, General Manager of Planning and Economic Development Jason Thorne, General Manager of Corporate Services Mike Zegarac and Solicitor Bryan Boodhoo.

The City of Hamilton’s representatives on the Working Group are General Manager of Planning and Economic Development Jason Thorne, Solicitor Bryan Boodhoo, Manager of Budgets and Financial Policy Kirk Weaver, Director of Financial Planning Administration Brian McMullen, and Director of Transit Maureen Cosyn Heath. Other members of staff have been consulted as needed.

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Both the Steering Committee and the Working Group have held a series of meetings to prepare revisions to the original MOU between the City and the province, which has served as a starting point for the current MOU discussions.

The provincial representatives have indicated that, prior to the Province formally endorsing the MOU, that provincial staff will need to seek their own approvals, which they will do once the draft language and terms have been confirmed at a staff-level through the Steering Committee.

A Memorandum of Understanding with provincially and Metrolinx endorsed language is targeted for a General Issues Committee in September.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES: None