

Comments from Fight Gridlock in Brampton on Page 3 of Councillor Terry Whitehead's Report.

Hamilton: don't be misled about the Brampton LRT situation by certain people in Hamilton arguing the Hamilton LRT won't work. You deserve better. You deserve the complete Brampton story.

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Hamilton LRT - Terry Whitehead

Residents of Hamilton, we urge you to tell your Councillors "don't pull a Brampton". Don't say no to a provincially supported capital fully-funded LRT plan.

You don't want to miss this opportunity like Brampton Council has.

Re "patently untrue" That's misleading. Saying "no" didn't prevent Brampton from building high-order transit. It could do it on its own if it really wanted to or asked the federal government for money. Further, the province is spending money to build higher-order GO Transit train expansion through Brampton: <http://bit.ly/BramptonistGOKitchener>

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What saying "no" has prevented is Brampton getting 100% capital funding at this time from the province to build LRT.

Premiere Kathleen Wynne
CBC Hamilton: May 25, 2016

The Minister has been clear: the money for the Main portion of the HMLRT has been returned to the Moving Ontario Forward Fund and it will be spent.

Can Hamilton Put Forth a Better Plan?

As the **Premiere** stated, its never been LRT or nothing for Hamilton. Metrolinx simply approved part of a plan submitted to it by the City. **We can just as easily submit a new plan to the province.** We've seen people point to the City of Brampton as a cautionary tale. Some people state that when Brampton said no to the province for the LRT route it had selected that Brampton lost its opportunity to build higher order transit. **This is patently untrue.**

Our office reached out to a Brampton City Councillor to find out what happened when their council declined to deploy the LRT along its proposed route. He told us that they are submitting a new plan to the province, one that will work better for the **residents of Brampton.**

With this in mind, my office began an extensive research project into the implementation of LRT in Hamilton. **We looked at every report issued by the City and every report submitted to the City by consultants.** We even reviewed many reports that were issued to the City but never submitted to Council. This included two major studies by the McMaster Institute of Transportation & Logistics.

We also **looked at** LRT systems throughout North America to determine how to make Hamilton's LRT implementation a success. During the evaluation process we have heard glowing reports from systems in Portland, Oregon and Charlotte, North Carolina. We've looked at Canadian cities as well with most attention being paid to places like Edmonton, Calgary, and Ottawa to see what they did and what their outcomes **were.**

We also spent considerable time researching current transit technologies as well as looking at what technologies are on the horizon.

Why are we doing this?

Proponents for this project tell us that the deployment of an LRT system in our downtown will transform our city. It will kickstart development and cause

<http://terrywhitehead.ca/hamilton-lrt/>

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Re "new plan to the province" - this is also misleading. Councillor Whitehead and the Brampton Councillor fail to mention that this "plan" will take three years to finalize through a EA/TPAP process. Whitehead and the Brampton Councillor make it sound like this plan will be ready tomorrow. It will not.

Further, an alternative alignment for the Main Street portion of the HMLRT will cost more, duplicate existing transit routes, will likely have less ridership than the HMLRT plan, and require significant private property. Further, there could be federal regulatory issues and issues with another Ontario municipality. There is no evidence that this "plan" will work better for Brampton. Alternatives were reviewed by Brampton staff, Metrolinx staff, and consultant who did a peer-review. The alternatives were rejected. The province offered funding for the evidence-based route on Main Street.

June 2015 report: <http://bit.ly/HMLRTJune2015StaffReport> **July 2015 presentation:** <http://bit.ly/HMLRTPresentation>

March 2016 report on the Main St LRT alternatives: <http://bit.ly/HMLRTMarch2016StaffReport>

Letters from Metrolinx to Brampton Council: <http://bit.ly/MlxHMLRTLettersRemarks2015>

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Careful - irresponsible and implies utter disrespect of process by councillor. Implies no consequences

Cite

For this argument to be demonstrated as 'patently untrue' implies prior knowledge that the Province will fund new plan. Cost of time lost not considered.

No references to support

How many?

No evidence to suggest this is a comprehensive review

'Proponents will tell us' reads in such a way to discredit arguments. Suggest re-wording to imply balanced position.