

Notice of Motion: July 31st, 2024**Moved by: Councillor Damerla****Seconded by: Councillor Kovac**

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is demanding Mississauga increase density at an unprecedented rate, which is expected to overwhelm existing and planned transportation systems and roadways

AND WHEREAS climate change is demanding significant change to our transportation networks, specifically the investment in carbon minimal transportation systems like Light Rail Transit;

AND WHEREAS under the revised provincial targets the City of Mississauga will be adding a population roughly the size of Guelph over the next 10 years rendering our existing transportation plans outdated;

AND WHEREAS intensification should come with adequate transit to ensure we can enjoy the dividends of greater density such as a reduced dependence on cars;

AND WHEREAS studies have shown that Light Rail Transit when compared to Bus Rapid Transit

- 1) Carries more people
- 2) Is more cost effective in the long run
- 3) Is utilized more
- 4) Provides a superior customer experience

AND WHEREAS the initial foundational work for a Bus Rapid Transit and a Light Rail Transit such as determining the right of way is identical and can be substituted for each other with the guideways and stops remaining the same;

AND WHEREAS the Bus Rapid Transit system is already recognized as a temporary solution that will be replaced at the earliest opportunity by Light Rail Transit and that time is now given the exponential growth expected;

AND WHEREAS given the stage of work we are with the Dundas Bus Rapid Transit we can upgrade it to a Light Rail Transit, without significantly delaying the project;

AND WHEREAS it is cheaper in the long run to measure twice and cut once;

AND WHEREAS the shift to the City designing 100% of the project instead of 30% of the project has pushed back the time lines for issuing an RFP providing us with the opportunity to consider upgrading to a Light Rail Transit;

AND WHEREAS the T PAP allows for an accelerated process so that revisiting the decision will not materially delay the project;

AND WHEREAS the City of Toronto has received billions of dollars in additional infrastructure investment over the City of Mississauga;

AND WHEREAS if Mississauga does not aggressively advocate for its share of transit dollars from senior levels of government we will lose out on our fair share;

NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED

The Mississauga City Council direct staff to revisit the study considering changed conditions to determine if Mississauga is better served by a Light Rail Transit along Dundas St. East of Hurontario where much of the growth is expected;

Further, be it resolved the study look at extending the Dundas LRT to Kipling Subway to ensure a fully usable and integrated transportation system;

And further that the Mayor write a letter to the provincial government, Metrolinx and the federal government to officially seek consideration for replacing the BRT with an LRT.

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