



February 19, 2020

Mr. Donald Wright
Chair, Board of Directors
Metrolinx
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Re: Queen Street-Highway 7 BRT

Since 2018, the City of Brampton has been working closely with Metrolinx staff on the development of the Queen Street-Highway 7 BRT Planning Study and Initial Business Case (IBC). Queen Street is a designated rapid transit corridor in the City of Brampton's Official Plan and Transportation Master Plan, a transit spine in the Brampton Vision 2040 document, and a top transit priority in the City as identified by Council.

Here are some details about the Queen Street corridor:

- This corridor is currently the busiest transit corridor in Brampton with over 28,000 transit customers per day on a weekday (Fall 2019).
- Almost 21,000 of these customers use our Züm service (routes 501/501A/501C) while the rest are on the local service (route 1/1A).
- With population and employment anticipated to grow by over 40% to 50% over the next 25 years, transportation needs within the corridor will continue to grow as well, making the expansion of transit services a necessity in order to handle the anticipated growth in demand.
- Over the past decade, growth in transit ridership in Brampton has been exceptional; ridership has grown 154% compared to the 22% in population growth and transit ridership per capita doubled over the same time period.

The City is appreciative of Metrolinx's leadership and commitment to this project and with the IBC now nearing completion, the City of Brampton would like to reiterate its support for this project.

The City of Brampton is further requesting that Metrolinx prioritize the Queen Street-Highway 7 BRT, which would include advancing this project to the next stage of Metrolinx's Benefits Management Process and procuring consultant work by the fall of 2020.

The City of Brampton is prepared to support this advancement in any way possible, including leading the Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessment process, which would ensure to follow the prescribed Metrolinx process.

The City of Brampton is also eager to assist Metrolinx in promoting and advocating support for the project in the community. We want to enhance our partnership with Metrolinx to help elevate the awareness of this project and ensure its success. We look forward to having further discussions with Metrolinx on how the City of Brampton can support this advocacy.

Meeting the future demands for transit in Brampton requires extensive investment in both conventional and higher order transit that enhances regional connections and supports the growth of a diverse, young, dynamic and fast growing city.

Attached, for the Board's reference, is a recommendation which was carried at the Committee of Council Meeting of February 19, 2020, and is pending approval by Council on February 26, 2020.

Sincerely,



Mayor Brown and Members of Council
The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Whereas City of Brampton is eager to assist Metrolinx in promoting and advocating support for the Queen Street-Highway 7 BRT project in the community;

Whereas the City of Brampton wants to enhance our partnership with Metrolinx to help elevate the awareness of this project and ensure its success;

Whereas meeting the future demands for transit in Brampton requires extensive investment in both conventional and higher order transit that enhances regional connections and supports the growth of a diverse, young, dynamic and fast growing city;

Therefore be it resolved THAT,

- 1) Staff prepare a letter from Mayor and Council to the Metrolinx Board of Directors, reiterating the City's support of this project and requesting Metrolinx prioritize the Queen Street-Highway 7 BRT, which would include advancing this project to the next stage of Metrolinx's Benefits Management Process and procuring the necessary consultant work to support this advancement, by fall of 2020.