




## COMMUNICATION UPDATE

<b>TO:</b>	Mayor and Members City Council
<b>DATE:</b>	October 5, 2021
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Hamilton LRT – <i>Building Transit Faster Act, 2020</i> , Priority Project Status
<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	City Wide
<b>SUBMITTED BY:</b>	Jason Thorne General Manager Planning and Economic Development Department
<b>SIGNATURE:</b>	

On September 28, 2021, a regulation came into effect (found at this link ~ [O. Reg. 682/21: PRIORITY TRANSIT PROJECTS \(ontario.ca\)](#)), that prescribed the Hamilton LRT as a Priority Project under the *Building Transit Faster Act* (BTFA). This means that the measures related to co-ordination of utility relocations and municipal services and rights-of-way access under the BTFA can be used for the Project, as needed. Use of the remaining measures (eg. requirements for corridor development permits, ability to enter lands and land assembly provisions) would take effect following designation of transit corridor lands for the Hamilton LRT.

On September 8, 2021, at a meeting of the General Issues Committee, Council directed that “the Mayor and City Manager be authorized and directed to execute the Memorandum of Understanding with Metrolinx and the Ministry of Transportation”. The direction was ratified at a meeting of Council on September 15, 2021, and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Hamilton LRT Project was signed by all parties on September 22, 2021.

As noted in the MOU, the Province proposed to prescribe the Project as a priority transit project under the BTFA. It is expected that prescribing the Project and the subsequent designation under the BTFA of the transit corridor lands, that are required for construction, will help deliver the Project on accelerated timelines. When the Province prescribes and designates the Project as aforesaid, the BTFA will apply to the Project and the MOU.

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Should you have any questions pertained to this Communication Update please contact Bryan Boodhoo, Solicitor, Legal and Risk Management Services Division, Corporate Services Department by e-mail or at Ext. 7164.

Thank you.