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Hi Clerks Team,

Here is my written deputation for the Main Street LRT item for tomorrow's Committee of Council meeting. I would be grateful if you could add this to the agenda.

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Hi Council,

We've reviewed the Main Street LRT report and presentation on the Committee of Council agenda. Jack and Bev have lived in Bramalea for over 40 years, Mark over 35 years, and Chris remains active in Brampton. We are all members of St. Paul's United Church on Main Street south, directly opposite City Hall, and we enjoy shopping and visiting restaurants in downtown Brampton.

We support more transit options for the Main Street corridor. It will connect to the Hurontario LRT and the Queen Street - Highway Seven BRT. Both projects will benefit from the Main Street LRT.

The staff recommendation makes sense to us. What we find interesting is that the City of Toronto is going through a very similar process right now where they are bringing the Queen's Quay West LRT to 30% design and the public consultation with the 30% timeline took place this week coincidentally to the Main Street LRT staff report before you. See here for the latest news:

<https://www.toronto.ca/city-government/planning-development/planning-studies-initiatives/waterfront-transit-reset/>



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Really exciting to see the Waterfront East LRT Extension taking shape. It looks like Phase 1 of the project will run all the way to Polson Loop in the Port Lands, over those new iconic Halifax-made bridges. Will be a great project for #Toronto. More here: [toronto.ca/wp-content/upl...](https://toronto.ca/wp-content/upl...)



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There are many benefits to getting projects to 30% design. If Brampton wants to be competitive with other municipalities like Toronto who are actively getting projects to 30% design so that provincial-funding can be pursued, Brampton must get its projects to 30% design. That's why the staff recommendation is so crucial. Further, Waterloo Region just completed the Transit Project Assessment Process (TPAP) for Waterloo Region LRT Stage 2. It has now been approved by the Province so it's ready to receive funding: <https://globalnews.ca/news/7968252/ion-cambridge-phase-2/>

Waterloo Region opened Stage 1 LRT and finished the TPAP for Stage 2 LRT since October 2015, when Brampton Council took a vote on LRT on Main Street. The same could be said for the City of Ottawa: Stage 1 LRT, opened; Stage 2, funded and under construction; and Stage 3 is under study and we have no doubt Ottawa Council will push hard to get to 30% design as quickly as possible.

As you know, the City of Hamilton recently received 50-50 funding from the Province

and Federal Governments for the Hamilton LRT. Hamilton Council recently voted 9-3 in favour of doing a Memorandum of Understanding with Metrolinx. Hamilton Council has consistently voted in favour of the Hamilton LRT project. The project has received a lot of local media attention and passionate discussions, as all transit projects do, but Hamilton Council has continued to vote in favour of the project. Minister McKenna specifically said the project was "shovel-ready" when she decided to provide 50% funding.

We should also note that adding more frequent, reliable, higher-order transit service to Main Street can help leverage the funding you have already committed and lobbying the federal and provincial governments for the Downtown Brampton Flood Mitigation project. The EA is done, approved, and the recommendations are funded. This represents significant progress compared to October 2015 when Council previously had a crucial vote on Main Street. Further, the recent discussions with Guelph-Humber are great to hear. Mark Drew is an alumnus of the culinary program at Humber. Had a downtown Brampton Humber campus existed, he would have enjoyed attending classes in downtown Brampton. Downtown Brampton could have provided a great linkage for chef training/apprenticeship/part time employment given the number of restaurants in downtown Brampton.

We hope the implementation of the flood protection measures can result in the partial lifting of the Special Policy Area. This could increase the availability of a full-range of housing. If Jack and Bev want to have access to a full-range of housing as they age in Brampton, more supply is crucial. Better transit can help leverage the housing and the housing can help leverage transit projects. Jack and Bev's sons, Chris and Mark, also need access to a full-range of housing if they consider starting families.

Thank you to City staff for the report and recommendations before you. While the decision involves one street in Brampton, it links to many others. While the municipality here is Brampton, it also doesn't take long to look around at what's happening in other cities in Ontario.

Best wishes,  
Jack, Bev, Chris, and Mark Drew  
Bramalea and members of St. Paul's United Church in Downtown Brampton