

Dear Sir / Madam;

An update to my letter about the light rail, proposed for the Region of Waterloo.

The initial budget for the study was \$2.5 Million, but they ended up spending \$4.0 Million, a cost over run of 60%.

The estimated cost is \$800 Million. The true cost will be much closer to \$2.0 Billion. Certain costs were not included in the original estimates.

- 1). Land appropriation. Many properties will have to be purchased along the proposed train route, so the train can make turns.
- 2). A deal will have to be made with C. P. Rail, for use of their existing rail line. Cost unknown.
- 3). The cost of the garage, to build it?, or to buy something that exists, and remodel it at a horrendous cost.

The train is supposed to run on King Street, a four lane road that will become a two lane road. Then again, the City of Kitchener is notorious for narrowing it's existing streets. After the third reconstruction of the down town core the street is so narrow that if a large vehicle parks to load or unload, buses can't get through and have to be diverted. The people waiting at bus stops don't know this so they just wait.

The train is then supposed to turn onto Erb Street, a one way street, into the path of oncoming traffic. It will be going down a one way street, in the wrong direction.

The current estimate for running the train is a loss of \$10.5 Million a year. Most of this will be for salaries of management and major revenue loss from unpaid fares. When the train is extended to Cambridge at a cost of \$1 Billion the deficit will hit about \$15 Million a year.

Another thing to think about is that the Region only held three open houses and out of 356,000 registered voters only 520 showed up. It seems that the totalitarian leadership of the Region wants this railway to be built irrelevant of cost to tax payers. Their whole idea, is to build the railway in the least populated corridor of Kitchener and Waterloo, and when it is finished, the people will come.

I hope that there will be someone in the Federal Government to realize that giving these people hundreds of Millions of hard earned tax payer Dollars is a total waste, and it will bring nothing but hardship to the already overtaxed Citizens of Kitchener and Waterloo.

Yours Sincerely,

Laszlo Bori