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LOGAN WYREBEK, 7, from Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Elementary School, works with McMaster student Hector Orozco Perez at the university's Live Lab. The Yamaha Disklavier piano records and plays back with all of the expression and nuance of the original performance.

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Three dead, others sent to hospital after head-on crash on Highway 6 near Caledonia

NATALIE PADDON
The Hamilton Spectator

CALEDONIA — Three people were killed after a head-on collision between a van and another vehicle on Highway 6 Wednesday night.

"It's definitely a sad night in our community," OPP Const. Ed Sanchuk said.

The highway was closed between 4th Line and 5th Line just south of Caledonia as emergency crews responded to the crash shortly after 9 p.m.

One vehicle was heading north on Highway 6 and the other was driving south when they collided, Sanchuk said.

Three people were killed in the crash and several were transported to hospital, he said.

Crash continues // **A2**

LRT SPARKS CLASHES

Traffic jam of acrimony at council over Aberdeen Ave.

Can it soak up extra vehicles? Test may provide answers

MATTHEW VAN DONGEN
The Hamilton Spectator

Hamilton's LRT is years away but it's already spurring political clashes over the ability of lower city streets such as Aberdeen Avenue to soak up extra traffic.

The \$1-billion light rail line was thrust into a traffic-calming debate about Aberdeen Avenue at city council Wednesday — even though LRT is still seven years and two crucial council votes away from reality.

After a sometimes loud and acrimonious debate, council approved a motion from Ward 1 Coun. Aidan Johnson to test a series of traffic-calming measures on the east-west artery, including adding a stretch of street parking west of Dundurn Street.

Johnson called the measures necessary for neighbourhood safety and a "good compromise" between doing nothing and implementing a permanent, narrowing "road diet" requested by local residents worried about speeding motorists.

"As an LRT advocate, I know at this point I can't have my cake and eat it too," Johnson said later, pointing to a staff revelation the previous evening that LRT could result in a 60 per cent spike in afternoon rush-hour vehicle traffic on Aberdeen.

"That means until the experts tell me otherwise, I know I can't have ... a road diet."

That predicted traffic spike on Aberdeen — roughly 600 extra cars per "peak hour" in the after-

Aberdeen continues // **A6**

LRT vote delay makes sense: a few weeks won't derail history



ANDREW DRESCHER

The Hamilton Spectator

From licensing cats to changing ward boundaries, city council has an inglorious track record of needlessly delaying or punting issues down the field.

But the vote to postpone sending the updated LRT environmental assessment report to the province doesn't fit that bill.

The delay makes good sense. Consider: Traffic diversions caused by LRT will see afternoon peak hour traffic on Aberdeen Avenue swell by 60 per cent — 1,500 cars from 900.

Meanwhile, the estimated cost of buying or expropriating properties along the LRT route has doubled to about \$70-\$80 million. That's involves demolishing 86 properties and displacing a yet unknown number of people.

Some of that info was buried in the EA report which, with appendices, totals a monumental 5,183 pages — the equivalent of reading "War and Peace"

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