

# Agenda Including Addeds

## Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

5th Meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

January 11, 2023

4:00 PM

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## Report to Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

**To:** Chair and Members  
Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

**From:** Lynne Livingstone, City Manager

**Subject:** Developing the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan: Setting the Vision, Mission, Values, Strategic Areas of Focus, Outcomes, and Expected Results

**Date:** January 11, 2023

## Recommendation

That, on the recommendation of the City Manager, the following actions be taken with respect to developing the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan:

- a) The report, entitled “Developing the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan: Setting the Vision, Mission, Values, Strategic Areas of Focus, Outcomes, and Expected Results” BE RECEIVED for information; and,
- b) Municipal Council BE REQUESTED to provide the Civic Administration with initial direction on the vision, mission, values, strategic areas of focus, outcomes, and expected results for the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan.

## Executive Summary

The City of London’s Strategic Plan identifies a shared vision, mission, and strategic areas of focus to guide the work of Council and Administration for the next four years and identifies the strategic direction that will drive financial and business decisions through the Multi-Year Budget and Technology Investment Strategy.

At the January 11, 2023, meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee, Council will begin to set key elements of the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, including the vision, mission, values, strategic areas of focus, outcomes, and expected results. Based on Council’s feedback and direction, community engagement opportunities will be updated to reflect the progress made on these key elements.

## Linkage to the Corporate Strategic Plan

Council’s Strategic Plan is a foundational document that guides the work of Council and Administration over the next four years. It identifies the strategic direction over a four-year period and drives financial and business decisions through the Multi-Year Budget and Technology Investment Strategy.

## Analysis

### 1.0 Background Information

#### 1.1 Previous Reports Related to this Matter

##### **2019-2023 Strategic Plan:**

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee (SPPC): December 17, 2018, January 14, 2019, January 25, 2019, March 4, 2019, April 1, 2019, November 25, 2019, June 23, 2020, October 20, 2020, November 17, 2020, July 28, 2021, November 30, 2021, June 22, 2022, December 12, 2022.

##### **2023-2027 Strategic Plan:**

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee (SPPC): December 12, 2022.

## 1.2 Overview: 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Development Process

### Structure of Council's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan

As outlined in the December 12, 2022, report to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee entitled "Developing the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan: Proposed Approach and Setting the Context," the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan will be prepared using the following structure:



### Timelines and Key Deliverables

A series of meetings have been scheduled to advance the development of Council's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan. A summary of meeting dates and objectives is below:

- **January 11, 2023: Setting Key Elements of the Strategic Plan**
  - Council begins to set the vision, mission, values, strategic areas of focus, outcomes, and expected results.
- **February 7, 2023: Continuing to Set Key Elements of the Strategic Plan**
  - Council reviews and debates updates arising from the previous meeting and sets the vision, mission, values, and areas of focus.
  - Council confirms the outcomes and expected results and reviews draft proposed strategies.
- **February 28, 2023: Revisit Strategies and Review Order of Magnitude Costs**
  - Council debates updates to strategies based on direction from the previous meeting.
  - Civic Administration tables draft metrics and order of magnitude costing for the Strategic Plan.
- **March 8, 2023: Public Participation Meeting**
  - Council receives public delegations responding to the proposed Strategic Plan as discussed at the previous meetings.
  - Council provides direction on any additional changes to Strategic Plan.
- **March 28, 2023: Finalizing the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan**
  - Council debates any final changes to the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan.
- **April 4, 2023: Council – 2023-2027 Strategic Plan**
  - Council approves the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan.
- **\*April 17, 2023: Council – 2023-2027 Strategic Plan (If Needed)**
- **May 2023: 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget Development Process**

## Community Engagement

The following provides a summary of planned community engagement through each phase of the strategic planning process:

- **Phase One: December 14, 2022, to January 4, 2023**
  - The first phase of open community engagement on the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan began on December 14, 2022. An update on input received in Phase One is provided on the added agenda for the January 11, 2023, SPPC meeting.
- **Phase Two: January 4 to February 7, 2023**
  - Engagement will continue based on Council's progress on the vision, mission, values, strategic areas of focus, outcomes, and expected results coming out of the January 11, 2023, SPPC meeting.
  - Community engagement gathered through this phase will be presented at the February 7, 2023, Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee meeting.
- **Phase Three: February 8 to March 8, 2023**
  - The final phase of engagement will continue to seek feedback on the strategic areas of focus, outcomes, expected results, as well as strategies. Past experience has been that Council-led engagement (e.g., ward meetings, townhalls, etc.) has been most valuable during this phase.
  - A Public Participation Meeting (PPM) will be held on March 8, 2023, where Council will receive public delegations responding to the draft Strategic Plan.
  - Community input gathered through this phase will be presented to Council at the February 28, 2023, meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee meeting.

## 2.0 Discussion and Considerations

### 2.1 January 11, 2023, SPPC: Setting Key Elements of the Strategic Plan

At the January 11, 2023, meeting of the SPPC, Council will begin to set key elements of the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan, including the vision, mission, values, strategic areas of focus, outcomes, and expected results. It is anticipated that at the end of this meeting, Council will have developed the proposed version(s) of the vision, mission, and values, noting there may be more than one option for each of the elements. It is also anticipated that Council will provide initial feedback and direction on the strategic areas of focus, outcomes, and expected results.

As outlined in the community engagement approach, engagement will continue and content will be updated based on Council's progress on the vision, mission, and values, strategic areas of focus, outcomes, and expected results. Feedback gathered during this next phase will be presented at the February 7, 2023, SPPC meeting.

### 2.2 Vision, Mission, and Values

#### Vision and Mission

The vision sets direction and is an aspirational, future-focused statement that sets direction. The mission articulates our purpose as an organization.

The vision and mission from the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan are noted below and can be used as a starting point for Council to begin to set the vision and mission.

- 2019-2023 Vision: A leader in commerce, culture and innovation – our region’s connection to the world.
- 2019-2023 Mission: A responsive and modern public service partner that fosters change to build a better London for all.

## Values

Values are the core principles and ideals that inform the individual and collective work of an organization.

The 2019-2023 Strategic Plan included the following values:

- Good Governance
- Driven by Community
- Acting with Compassion
- Moving Forward through Innovation

**Draft values are attached in Appendix A for Council’s consideration.** These values are an evolution of the 2019-2023 values and were developed based on themes identified during council-elect engagement conversations, recent engagements that have taken place across the community, a scan of other municipal strategic plans, and input from Civic Administration and the City’s Agencies, Boards, and Commissions.

Community engagement to date on vision, mission, and values will be included on the January 9, 2023, SPPC Added Agenda.

## **2.3 Strategic Areas of Focus, Outcomes, and Expected Results**

### Strategic Areas of Focus

Strategic areas of focus articulate the priority areas that Council will focus on over the next four years. The 2019-2023 Strategic Plan included the following strategic areas of focus:

- Strengthening our Community
- Building a Sustainable City
- Growing our Economy
- Creating a Safe London for Women and Girls
- Leading in Public Service
- Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression

**The draft 2023-2027 strategic areas of focus are attached in Appendix B for Council’s consideration.** Each area of focus includes a brief description which outlines the intent of the priority.

### Outcomes and Expected Results

Outcomes describe the desired end state (change in the lives of individuals, families, organizations, or community to be accomplished through the implementation of the Strategic Plan). Expected Results identify the change required to achieve the outcome.

The draft 2023-2027 strategic areas of focus, outcomes, and expected results have been developed based on the following inputs:

- Council-elect engagement conversations which identified key priorities identified by Londoners during the election period

- Recent engagement on specific initiatives and plans (Mobility Master Plan, Core Area Action Plan, Action Plan to Disrupt Islamophobia, Climate Emergency Action Plan, etc.), as well as service specific data and feedback collected by Service Areas
- Priorities, trends, and themes identified in the 2022 Community Profile, 2022 Annual Resident Satisfaction Survey, and the 2022 City of London Political, Economic, Social, Technological (PEST) Analysis
- 2019-2023 Strategic Plan progress, performance, and impact reports
- Targeted individual outreach to institutional partners, organizations with service delivery relationships, and other key stakeholders
- Engagement and inputs from Civic Administration, and the City’s Agencies, Boards and Commissions.

**The draft 2023-2027 outcomes and expected results are attached in Appendix C for Council’s consideration.**

## **2.4 Next Steps**

Following this meeting the City’s engagement platform – GetInvolved – will be updated to reflect Council’s progress and direction on the vision, mission, values, strategic areas of focus, outcomes, and expected results. This will include the proposed version(s) of the vision, mission, and values.

Based on Council’s direction, Civic Administration will also work to revise and update as required the draft strategic areas of focus, outcomes, and expected results. Council will review and debate the updates arising from this meeting at the February 7, 2023, SPPC meeting. Staff will also provide an update on community engagement to date at this meeting.

## **Conclusion**

The City of London’s Strategic Plan defines the mission, vision, values, and priorities that will guide the work of Council and Civic Administration for the next four years. It will drive decision-making through the Multi-Year Budget and Technology Investment Strategy. Most importantly, it is a statement of commitment to the community; a reflection of the priorities of Londoners.

The 2023-2027 Strategic Plan will set London’s course for the future, building on progress made through the City’s current and past Strategic Plans, while recognizing and adapting to a very different global context.

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**Recommended by: Lynne Livingstone, City Manager**

## Appendix A

### Council's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan

#### Purpose

This document is intended to support Council's discussions on the Vision, Mission, and Values for the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan. It includes definitions of each component, as well as the corresponding statements from the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan. Draft Values have been provided for consideration.

Spacing/page breaks have been included to simplify reference during Committee work.

#### Vision, Mission, and Values

##### 1. Vision

###### Definition/Purpose:

The Vision is an aspirational, future-focused statement that sets direction and serves as the foundation for decisions made throughout the life of the plan.

###### 2019-2023 Vision Statement:

A leader in commerce, culture, and innovation – our region's connection to the World.

##### 2. Mission

###### Definition/Purpose:

The Mission communicates our purpose as an organization – who we are, what we do, and who we do it for.

###### 2019-2023 Vision Statement:

A responsive and modern public service partner that fosters change to build a better London for all.

### 3. Values

#### **Definition/Purpose:**

Our values are the core principles and ideals that inform everything we do. They set the standards of behaviour, serving as a touchstone against which any decision or action can be assessed.

#### **2019-2023 Strategic Plan Values:**

Good Governance  
Driven by Community  
Acting with Compassion  
Moving Forward through Innovation

#### **Draft 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Values**

##### **Reconciliation, Equity, and Inclusion**

We acknowledge that systemic racism and oppression exist within our corporation and our community. As public servants, we are committed to the ongoing process of learning, unlearning, and critical self-reflection required to ensure our work reflects the needs of all Londoners.

##### **Collaborative Partnerships**

We recognize that we cannot achieve our goals alone, and that effective partnerships with residents, community organizations, institutions, neighbourhoods, business groups, other governments, unions, and associations are essential to advancing our shared priorities. We commit to building collaborative, mutually beneficial relationships to deliver results for the people we serve.

##### **Accountability and Trust**

As public servants we are accountable to the community we serve and recognize that trust is earned. We are committed to providing efficient and effective services and supporting two-way communication with the community to measure our performance and identify areas for improvement.

##### **Sustainability and Affordability**

We recognize our essential role in planning for London's long-term future. We are committed to thinking and acting to support the sustainability of all aspects of our community – including the social, financial, environmental, economic, and overall wellbeing of Londoners. We also recognize the importance of affordability in quality of life and use any levers in our control to support a more affordable and equitable community.

##### **Continuous Improvement and Transformation**

We strive to do better every day. We engage in continuous learning and reflection, collect, and consider feedback, and act on opportunities for incremental improvements to deliver better outcomes for Londoners.



## Appendix B

### Council's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan

#### Purpose

This document is intended to support Council's discussions on the Strategic Areas of Focus for the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan. It includes definitions of each component, as well as the corresponding statements from the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan.

#### Strategic Areas of Focus

##### Definition/Purpose:

Strategic Areas of Focus articulate where we will focus over the next four years and organize the functional elements of the plan.

##### 2019-2023 Strategic Plan Areas of Focus:

- Strengthening our Community
- Building a Sustainable City
- Growing our Economy
- Creating a Safe London for Women and Girls
- Leading in Public Service
- Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression

##### Draft 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Areas of Focus

##### Reconciliation, Equity, and Inclusion

London is a city committed to taking meaningful steps towards reconciliation and building an equitable and inclusive city for all.

##### Wellbeing and Safety

London is a healthy and safe city with vibrant neighbourhoods, affordable housing, and a strong quality of life for all.

##### Safe London for Women, Girls, Gender-Diverse and Trans People

London is a city that strives to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls, gender-based violence, and sexual violence.

##### Prosperity and Affordability

London is an economic, social, and cultural centre with opportunities for all Londoners.

##### Climate, Environment, and Infrastructure

London is a city working together to address climate change and build a sustainable and connected community.

##### Well-Run City

The City of London delivers trusted, valued, and exceptional services to our community.

## Appendix C

### Council's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan

#### Purpose

Note: This document is intended to support Council's discussions on the Strategic Areas of Focus, Outcomes, and Expected Results for the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan. It includes definitions of each component.

#### Strategic Areas of Focus, Outcomes, and Expected Results

##### Definitions/Purpose:

Strategic Areas of Focus: articulate where we will focus over the next four years and organize the functional elements of the plan.

Outcomes: describe the desired end state

Expected Results: identify the change required to achieve the outcomes

##### Strategic Area of Focus:

#### Reconciliation, Equity, and Inclusion

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##### Outcome 1:

The City of London enhances the confidence of Indigenous Peoples by furthering truth and reconciliation efforts.

##### Expected Results:

- a) Establishment of new and strengthening current relationships with local First Nation and urban Indigenous communities and Indigenous-serving organizations.
  - b) Enhanced understanding of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and how to best implement them.
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##### Outcome 2:

The City of London is a leader in becoming an equitable and inclusive community.

##### Expected Results:

- a) Meaningful relationships and partnerships with equity-denied groups and with organizations led by, for, and with equity-denied communities.
  - b) Equity-denied groups come to London and choose to stay in our community.
  - c) Our services are informed and delivered by the communities we serve.
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##### Outcome 3:

All Londoners have opportunities to participate in civic engagement.

##### Expected Results:

- a) Increased access to and participation of equity-denied groups in civic engagement.
- b) Increased participation in City of London internship programs for equity-denied groups.

Strategic Area of Focus:  
**Wellbeing and Safety**

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**Outcome 1:**

The City of London demonstrates leadership and builds partnerships to increase quality, affordable, and supportive housing options.

**Expected Results:**

- a) Increased access to a range of quality, affordable, and supportive housing options that meet the unique needs of individuals and families.
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**Outcome 2:**

London has a robust community system of health, homelessness, and housing stability services in place to support individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

**Expected Results:**

- a) Decreased number of individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness.
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**Outcome 3:**

London has safe, vibrant, and healthy neighbourhoods and communities.

**Expected Results:**

- a) Londoners feel safe across the city, in the core, and in their neighbourhoods and communities.
- b) Londoners have a strong sense of belonging and sense of place.
- c) Londoners have access to spaces, services, and supports that increase their wellbeing and quality of life.

## Strategic Area of Focus:

### **Safe London for Women, Girls, and Gender-Diverse and Trans People**

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#### **Outcome 1:**

The City of London demonstrates leadership by taking meaningful actions to address and eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls, gender-based violence\*, and sexual violence\*\*.

#### **Expected Results:**

- a) Increased capacity to recognize, address, and prevent all forms violence against women and girls and gender-based violence.
- b) Increased capacity to recognize, address, and prevent sexual exploitation and trafficking.
- c) London is a safe city where women, girls, nonbinary and trans individuals, and survivors access public spaces and freely participate in public life without fear or experience of sexual violence.

\*Gender-Based Violence: umbrella term for a range of inter-personal violence including, but not limited to, sexual harassment, sexual assault, domestic violence, sexual exploitation, and human trafficking.

\*\*Sexual Violence: a form of gender-based violence and is a broad term that describes any violence, physical or psychological, carried out through sexual means or by targeting sexuality.

Strategic Area of Focus:  
**Prosperity and Affordability**

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**Outcome 1:**

London encourages economic growth and diversification.

**Expected Results:**

- a) Small and growing businesses and entrepreneurs are supported to be successful.
  - b) Increased economic activity from our core and the greater community.
  - c) London has a sufficient supply of serviced lands in strategic locations.
  - d) London is a regional center that attracts talent, business, and investment.
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**Outcome 2:**

A well planned and growing community.

**Expected Results:**

- a) London's growth and development is well-planned and considers use, intensity, and form.
  - b) The City of London supports faster approvals and increasing the supply of housing.
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**Outcome 3:**

London is a destination of choice.

**Expected Results:**

- a) London is a UNESCO City of Music and is recognized as a centre for arts, sport, and culture.
  - b) London's core area is a destination for Londoners, visitors, and businesses.
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**Outcome 4:**

London is an affordable and supportive community for individuals and families.

**Expected Results:**

- a) Housing in London is affordable and attainable.
- b) Londoners have access to quality, affordable services.
- c) Londoners have access to key services and supports to enhance their wellbeing and resilience.

Strategic Area of Focus:  
**Climate, Environment, and Infrastructure**

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**Outcome 1:**

London is a model for climate action and sustainability.

**Expected Results:**

- a) London is on track to be a net zero community by 2050.
  - b) Improved community capacity and resilience to be ready for current and future changes to the climate and its impacts.
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**Outcome 2:**

London has a strong and healthy environment.

**Expected Results:**

- a) London is moving towards a circular economy\*.
  - b) Waterways, wetlands, watersheds, and natural areas are appropriately protected and enhanced.
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**Outcome 3:**

London's infrastructure and systems are built, maintained, and operated to meet the long-term needs of our community.

**Expected Results:**

- a) The infrastructure gap is managed for all assets.
  - b) Infrastructure is built, maintained, and secured to support future growth and protect the environment.
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**Outcome 4:**

Londoners of all identities, abilities and means can move throughout the city safely and efficiently.

**Expected Results:**

- a) Improved quality and safety of all modes of mobility.
- b) Increased access to sustainable mobility options.

\*Circular economy: The circular economy is regenerative where everything is valued, resources are more efficiently used, nothing is wasted, and everything is a resource that can be fed back into the beginning of production cycles in a closed-loop system.

Strategic Area of Focus:  
**Well-Run City**

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**Outcome 1:**

The City of London is trusted, open, and accountable in service of our community.

**Expected Results:**

- a) Londoners find it easy to be informed and participate in local government.
  - b) Londoners have trust and confidence in their local government.
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**Outcome 2:**

Londoners experience exceptional and valued service.

**Expected Results:**

- a) Customer satisfaction with our services is high.
  - b) Our services are designed and delivered putting the customer at the centre and using innovative approaches and continuously improving to meet the needs of Londoners.
  - c) The City of London's regional and community relationships support the delivery of exceptional and valued service.
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**Outcome 3:**

The City of London is a leader in public service.

**Expected Results:**

- a) The City of London is recognized as an employer of choice.
- b) The City of London is a safe, respectful, and healthy workplace.
- c) London's finances are maintained in a transparent, sustainable, and well-planned manner, incorporating intergenerational equity, affordability and environmental, social, and governance considerations.



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# Council's Strategic Plan 2023-2027

January 11, 2023, SPPC





# Outline

1. Review of Purpose, Approach, and Timelines
2. Community Engagement Update
3. Vision, Mission, and Values
4. Strategic Areas of Focus, Outcomes, Expected Results
5. Next Steps



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# Review of Purpose, Approach, and Timelines



# Council's Strategic Plan

- Identifies a **shared vision, mission, and strategic areas of focus** to guide the work of Council and Administration.
- Is **deliberately connected** with the 2024-2027 Multi-Year Budget and Technology Investment Strategy.



# Guiding Principles

- Build from the existing Strategic Plan, with a continuous improvement mindset.
- Reflect all the services the City provides, but specifically identify strategic direction, focus, and priorities for the next four years.
- Uphold commitments to equity and inclusion, fiscal stewardship and sustainability, and evidence informed decision-making.
- Drive decision-making through the Multi-Year Budget and the Technology Investment Strategy.



# Strategic Plan Development Timeline

Municipal Election

Open Public Engagement

Direct Engagement – ABCs / Community Partners / Service Areas



Finalize 2023-2027 Strategic Plan

Multi-Year Budget Process Begins

Implementation Plan (First Progress Report)



# Strategic Plan Development Timeline

## Open Public Engagement

Vision, Mission, Values, Strategic Areas of Focus, Outcomes, Expected Results

Strategies, Metrics

Revisit Plan, PPM

Approval of 2023-2027 Strategic Plan

January

February

March

April

January 11

SPPC  
Begin setting Vision, Mission, Values, Areas of Focus, Outcomes, Expected Results

February 7

SPPC  
Set vision, mission, values, areas of focus; Revisit outcomes, expected results; Table Draft Strategies

February 28

SPPC  
Review order of magnitude costing, draft metrics  
Further direction re: Strategies 22

March 8

SPPC  
Public Participation Meeting  
Finalize direction on Plan

March 28

SPPC  
Final Draft Plan

April 4

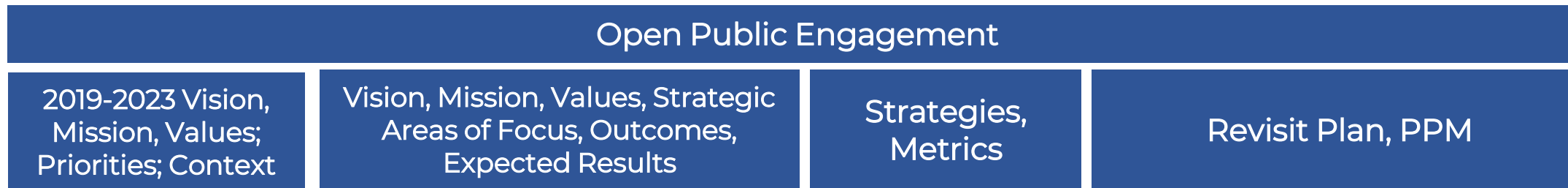
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# Strategic Plan Engagement Timeline



| December | January | February | March |
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### Phase 1: Dec 14 – Jan 4

### Phase 2: Jan 4 - Feb 7

### Phase 3: Feb 8 - Mar 8

GetInvolved launches; stakeholder meetings continue.

Feedback focus:


- Existing mission, vision, and values.

GetInvolved site updated; stakeholder meetings continue.

Feedback focus:

- Draft version(s) of 2023-2027 vision, mission, and values (updated following Jan. 11 SPPC meeting).
- Draft strategic areas of focus, outcomes and expected results.

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GetInvolved site updated; stakeholder meetings continue; Ward meetings; Public Participation Meeting.

Feedback focus:

- All strategic plan elements (vision, mission, values, areas of focus, outcomes, expected results), including strategies.
- Drafts updated following SPPC meetings.



# Strategic Plan Structure

**Vision** | Sets direction

**Mission** | Articulates purpose

**Values** | Express how the corporation operates

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**Areas of Focus** | Organize strategic priorities

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**Outcomes** | Describe the desired end state

**Expected Results** | Identify the change required to achieve outcomes

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**Strategies** | Identify actions that will drive progress

**Metrics** | Measure progress

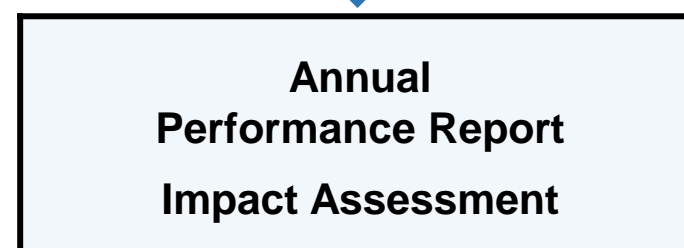
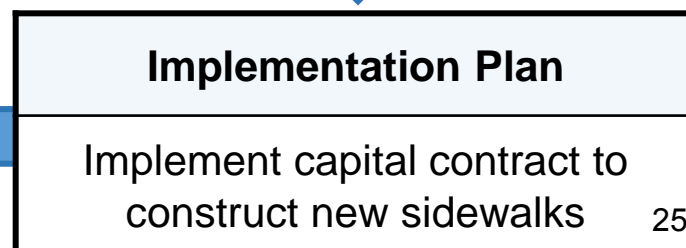
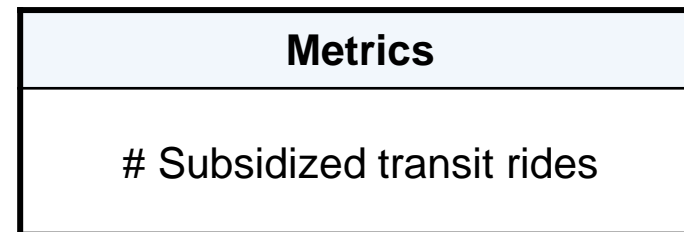
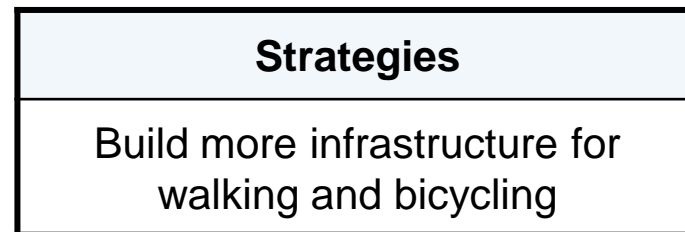
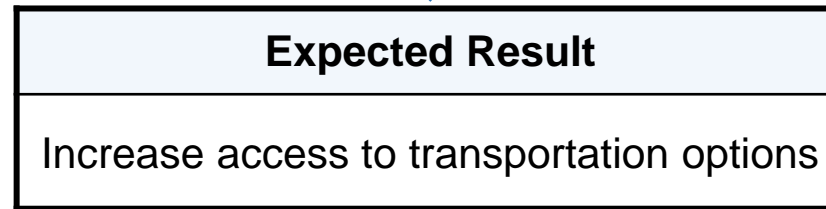
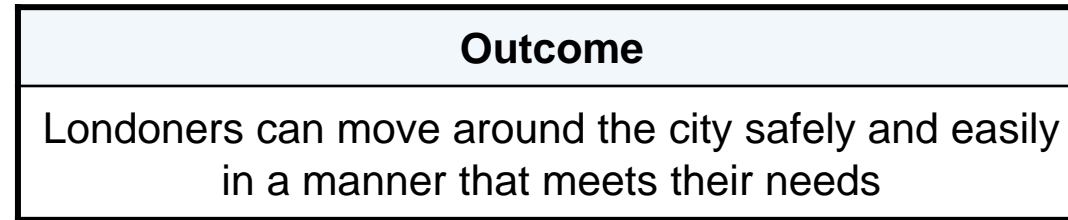
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# Strategic Plan Structure - Example





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# Community Engagement Update



# Community Engagement Update

- Gathering input from the City's agencies, boards, commissions and other key organizational and community partners has continued.
- Engagement on the 2023-2027 Strategic Plan launched on December 14 across various channels (GetInvolved, billboards, radio ads, socials, etc.).
- Through this first phase of community engagement, Londoners were asked to weigh in on the 2019-2023 vision, mission, and values through our GetInvolved platform.
- 51 survey responses received through GetInvolved between December 14 and January 6 and key themes were identified.



# Community Engagement Update

## Vision

- Nearly half of the 51 respondents on GetInvolved stated that the 2019-2023 vision statement is still relevant.
- Comments from respondents who said the vision statement is not still relevant focused mostly on the following themes:
  - More local focus – addressing local challenges first; leading locally, nationally, rather than globally
  - Needs more focus on people
  - Missing anti-racism, equity, inclusion
  - Missing sustainability, environmental stewardship
  - Statement should be more unique and more relevant



# Community Engagement Update

## Mission

- The majority of respondents (42) on GetInvolved felt that the 2019-2023 mission is still relevant.
- Of those who felt that it is no longer relevant, key themes identified included:
  - Not just responsive, be proactive
  - City should be a leader, not just a partner
  - Prioritize evidence-based solutions
  - Ensure that residents can understand and connect with the statement



# Community Engagement Update

## Values

- The majority of respondents (35) on GetInvolved felt that the 2019-2023 values are still relevant.
- Of those who felt that it is no longer relevant, key themes identified included:
  - Leadership
  - Sustainability – environmental and fiscal
  - Equity
  - Values need to be inspirational and resonate with Londoners



# Community Engagement Update

## Community Priorities

- Many respondents on GetInvolved also identified community priorities as part of their responses. These included:
  - Housing affordability
  - Homelessness, mental health, and addictions
  - Equity and inclusion
  - Community safety
  - Infrastructure and municipal services

## Other

- Make document links easier to find
- Have more focused survey questions

# Council's 2023-2027 Strategic Plan

## Vision, Mission, Values, Strategic Areas of Focus, Outcomes, and Expected Results





# Approach for today

- **Vision** – small group discussions (30 minutes)
- **Mission, Values** – small group discussions (30-45 minutes)
- **Strategic Areas of Focus, Outcomes, Expected Results** – full group discussion, deliberation and direction



# Vision Statement

## Definition/Purpose:

- The Vision is an aspirational, future-focused statement that sets direction and serves as the foundation for decisions made throughout the life of the plan.

## 2019-2023 Vision Statement:

- A leader in commerce, culture, and innovation – our region's connection to the World.



# Vision Statement

## Working Session (30 minutes)

- Council breaks into three small groups of 4 to 5
- Each group develops proposed version(s) of the vision
- Each group shares their proposed version(s)
- Council determines direction on preliminary version(s) of the vision



# Mission Statement

## Definition/Purpose:

- The Mission communicates our purpose as an organization – who we are, what we do, and who we do it for.

## 2019-2023 Mission Statement:

- A responsive and modern public service partner that fosters change to build a better London for all.



# Values

## Definition/Purpose:

- Our values are the core principles and ideals that inform everything we do. They set the standards of behaviour, serving as a touchstone against which any decision or action can be assessed.

## 2019-2023 Strategic Plan Values:

- Good Governance
- Driven by Community
- Acting with Compassion
- Moving Forward through Innovation

## Draft 2023-2027 Strategic Plan Values:

- Reconciliation, Equity, and Inclusion
- Collaborative Partnerships
- Accountability and Trust
- Sustainability and Affordability
- Continuous Improvement and Transformation

## **Reconciliation, Equity, and Inclusion**

We acknowledge that systemic racism and oppression exist within our corporation and our community. As public servants, we are committed to the ongoing process of learning, unlearning, and critical self-reflection required to ensure our work reflects the needs of all Londoners.

## **Collaborative Partnerships**

We recognize that we cannot achieve our goals alone, and that effective partnerships with residents, community organizations, institutions, neighbourhoods, business groups, other governments, unions, and associations are essential to advancing our shared priorities. We commit to building collaborative, mutually beneficial relationships to deliver results for the people we serve.

## **Accountability and Trust**

As public servants we are accountable to the community we serve and recognize that trust is earned. We are committed to providing efficient and effective services and supporting two-way communication with the community to measure our performance and identify areas for improvement.

## **Sustainability and Affordability**

We recognize our essential role in planning for London's long-term future. We are committed to thinking and acting to support the sustainability of all aspects of our community – including the social, financial, environmental, economic, and overall wellbeing of Londoners. We also recognize the importance of affordability in quality of life and use any levers in our control to support a more affordable and equitable community.

## **Continuous Improvement and Transformation**

We strive to do better every day. We engage in continuous learning and reflection, collect, and consider feedback, and act on opportunities for incremental improvements to deliver better outcomes for Londoners.



# Mission Statement and Values

Working Session (30-45 minutes)

- Council breaks into three small groups of 4 to 5
- Each group develops proposed version(s) of the mission and values
- Each group shares their proposed version(s)
- Council determines direction on preliminary version(s) of the mission and values



# Strategic Areas of Focus

## Definition/Purpose:

- Strategic Areas of Focus articulate where we will focus over the next four years and organize the functional elements of the plan.

## 2019-2023 Strategic Areas of Focus:

- Strengthening our Community
- Building a Sustainable City
- Growing our Economy
- Creating a Safe London for Women and Girls
- Leading in Public Service
- Anti-Racism and Anti-Oppression

## Draft 2023-2027 Strategic Areas of Focus:

- Reconciliation, Equity, and Inclusion
- Wellbeing and Safety
- Safe London for Women, Girls, Gender-Diverse and Trans People
- Prosperity and Affordability
- Climate, Environment, and Infrastructure
- Well-Run City





# Outcomes, Expected Results

## Definition/Purpose:

- Outcomes describe the desired end state (change in the lives of individuals, families, organizations, or community to be accomplished through the implementation of the Strategic Plan)
- Expected Results identify the change required to achieve the outcomes



## Strategic Area of Focus:

# Reconciliation, Equity, and Inclusion

London is a city committed to taking meaningful steps towards reconciliation and building an equitable and inclusive city for all.

### Outcome 1:

The City of London enhances the confidence of Indigenous Peoples by furthering truth and reconciliation efforts.

#### Expected Results:

- a) Establishment of new and strengthening current relationships with local First Nation and urban Indigenous communities and Indigenous-serving organizations.
- b) Enhanced understanding of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and how to best implement them.

### Outcome 2:

The City of London is a leader in becoming an equitable and inclusive community.

#### Expected Results:

- a) Meaningful relationships and partnerships with equity-denied groups and with organizations led by, for, and with equity-denied communities.
- b) Equity-denied groups come to London and choose to stay in our community.
- c) Our services are informed and delivered by the communities we serve.

### Outcome 3:

All Londoners have opportunities to participate in civic engagement.

#### Expected Results:

- a) Increased access to and participation of equity-denied groups in civic engagement.
- b) Increased participation in City of London internship programs for equity-denied groups.



## Strategic Area of Focus:

# Wellbeing and Safety

London is a healthy and safe city with vibrant neighbourhoods, affordable housing, and a strong quality of life for all.

### Outcome 1:

The City of London demonstrates leadership and builds partnerships to increase quality, affordable, and supportive housing options.

#### Expected Results:

- a) Increased access to a range of quality, affordable, and supportive housing options that meet the unique needs of individuals and families.

### Outcome 2:

London has a robust community system of health, homelessness, and housing stability services in place to support individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

#### Expected Results:

- a) Decreased number of individuals and families at risk of or experiencing homelessness.

### Outcome 3:

London has safe, vibrant, and healthy neighbourhoods and communities.

#### Expected Results:

- a) Londoners feel safe across the city, in the core, and in their neighbourhoods and communities.
- b) Londoners have a strong sense of belonging and sense of place.
- c) Londoners have access to spaces, services, and supports that increase their wellbeing and quality of life.



Strategic Area of Focus:

# Safe London for Women, Girls, and Gender-Diverse and Trans People

London is a city that strives to eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls, gender-based violence, and sexual violence.

## Outcome 1:

The City of London demonstrates leadership by taking meaningful actions to address and eliminate all forms of violence against women and girls, gender-based violence\*, and sexual violence\*\*.

## Expected Results:

- a) Increased capacity to recognize, address, and prevent all forms violence against women and girls and gender-based violence.
- b) Increased capacity to recognize, address, and prevent sexual exploitation and trafficking.
- c) London is a safe city where women, girls, nonbinary and trans individuals, and survivors access public spaces and freely participate in public life without fear or experience of sexual violence.



## Strategic Area of Focus:

# Prosperity and Affordability

London is an economic, social, and cultural centre with opportunities for all Londoners.

### Outcome 1:

London encourages economic growth and diversification.

#### Expected Results:

- a) Small and growing businesses and entrepreneurs are supported to be successful.
- b) Increased economic activity from our core and the greater community.
- c) London has a sufficient supply of serviced lands in strategic locations.
- d) London is a regional center that attracts talent, business, and investment.

### Outcome 2:

A well planned and growing community.

#### Expected Results:

- a) London's growth and development is well-planned and considers use, intensity, and form.
- b) The City of London supports faster approvals and increasing the supply of housing.

### Outcome 3:

London is a destination of choice.

#### Expected Results:

- a) London is a UNESCO City of Music and is recognized as a centre for arts, sport, and culture.
- b) London's core area is a destination for Londoners, visitors, and businesses.

### Outcome 4:

London is an affordable and supportive community for individuals and families.

#### Expected Results:

- a) Housing in London is affordable and attainable.
- b) Londoners have access to quality, affordable services.
- c) Londoners have access to key services and supports to enhance their wellbeing and resilience.



## Strategic Area of Focus:

# Climate, Environment, and Infrastructure

London is a city working together to address climate change and build a sustainable and connected community.

### Outcome 1:

London is a model for climate action and sustainability.

#### Expected Results:

- a) London is on track to be a net zero community by 2050.
- b) Improved community capacity and resilience to be ready for current and future changes to the climate and its impacts.

### Outcome 2:

London has a strong and healthy environment.

#### Expected Results:

- a) London is moving towards a circular economy\*.
- b) Waterways, wetlands, watersheds, and natural areas are appropriately protected and enhanced.

### Outcome 3:

London's infrastructure and systems are built, maintained, and operated to meet the long-term needs of our community.

#### Expected Results:

- a) The infrastructure gap is managed for all assets.
- b) Infrastructure is built, maintained, and secured to support future growth and protect the environment.

### Outcome 4:

Londoners of all identities, abilities and means can move throughout the city safely and efficiently.

#### Expected Results:

- a) Improved quality and safety of all modes of mobility.
- b) Increased access to sustainable mobility options.



## Strategic Area of Focus: **Well-Run City**

The City of London delivers trusted, valued, and exceptional services to our community.

### **Outcome 1:**

The City of London is trusted, open, and accountable in service of our community.

#### **Expected Results:**

- a) Londoners find it easy to be informed and participate in local government.
- b) Londoners have trust and confidence in their local government.

### **Outcome 2:**

Londoners experience exceptional and valued service.

#### **Expected Results:**

- a) Customer satisfaction with our services is high.
- b) Our services are designed and delivered putting the customer at the centre and using innovative approaches and continuously improving to meet the needs of Londoners.
- c) The City of London's regional and community relationships support the delivery of exceptional and valued service.

### **Outcome 3:**

The City of London is a leader in public service.

#### **Expected Results:**

- a) The City of London is recognized as an employer of choice.
- b) The City of London is a safe, respectful, and healthy workplace.
- c) London's finances are maintained in a transparent, sustainable, and well-planned manner, incorporating intergenerational equity, affordability and environmental, social, and governance considerations.



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# Next Steps





# Strategic Plan Development Timeline

## Open Public Engagement

Vision, Mission, Values, Strategic Areas of Focus, Outcomes, Expected Results

Strategies, Metrics

Revisit Plan, PPM

Approval of 2023-2027 Strategic Plan

January

February

March

April

January 11

SPPC  
Begin setting Vision, Mission, Values, Areas of Focus, Outcomes, Expected Results

February 7

SPPC  
Set vision, mission, values, areas of focus; Revisit outcomes, expected results; Table Draft Strategies

February 28

SPPC  
Review order of magnitude costing, draft metrics  
Further direction re: Strategies 49

March 8

SPPC  
Public Participation Meeting  
Finalize direction on Plan

March 28

SPPC  
Final Draft Plan

April 4

Council  
2023-2027 Strategic Plan Approval

We Are Here





# Strategic Plan Engagement Timeline



| December | January | February | March |
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| Phase 1: Dec 14 – Jan 4 | Phase 2: Jan 4 - Feb 7 | Phase 3: Feb 8 - Mar 8 |
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GetInvolved launches; stakeholder meetings continue.

Feedback focus:


- Existing mission, vision, and values.

GetInvolved site updated; stakeholder meetings continue.

Feedback focus:

- Draft version(s) of 2023-2027 vision, mission, and values (updated following Jan. 11 SPPC meeting).
- Draft strategic areas of focus, outcomes and expected results.

**We Are Here**



GetInvolved site updated; stakeholder meetings continue; Ward meetings; Public Participation Meeting.

Feedback focus:

- All strategic plan elements (vision, mission, values, areas of focus, outcomes, expected results), including strategies.
- Drafts updated following SPPC meetings.



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# Thank You

**From:** butler.chris  
**Sent:** Friday, January 6, 2023 11:53 AM  
**To:** SPPC <sppc@london.ca>  
**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Added Agenda - London Strategic Plan - MTG # 2 - Feedback

Please include this E – Mail as “ Added Agenda “ for next weeks’ Jan 11 SPPC meeting on Strategic Plan Development – Item 4.1 on the Council Agenda .

Mayor Morgan ( chair ) & Council - Please consider the following as both feedback and guidance with respect to the process and public feedback opportunities we are currently following in forging our new Strategic Plan ;

1. The City of London Get Involved website for Strategic Plan Development is both restrictive and offered ZERO INPUT opportunity for any voter with interest in this process to simply offer up their “ Top Five “ issues for this new Council to focus on while forging this plan. I would suggest that most voters who have a significant enough interest in visiting this site should be rewarded by the opportunity for a “ one and done “ session and care little about process . As of writing this note Jan 6<sup>th</sup> , this site also restricts any further access for progressive input from the same contributors with the same E – Mail & password . WE should also reward those same voters with update comments & suggestions if they are interested ( **Example** – I would provide updates after Rough Order of Magnitude Costs are defined ).
2. There appears to be NO PROCESS in the development of our Strategic Plan to complete the very important step(s) of looking “ backwards “ at our current or prior Strategic Plan (s) to clearly benchmark where we are and the action items required to complete if any. There are no defined “ exit ramps “ for most of these prior initiatives/ programs and that is a HUGE opportunity lost to place these clearly on the minor complete, maintenance only or complete and the \$\$\$ defund list . This should be a shared “ process “ with both City ADM & Council actively participating. As a Project Manager , no clear exit ramps lead to continuous cost escalation and missed opportunities in applying those same human , financial & funding resources to your new initiatives.
3. Please focus be brave enough to Focus our Visions, Values & Mission statement only on those areas that offer an opportunity for clear, quantitative & measurable progress. This has been sadly lacking in past Strategic Plans and resulting in no exit ramps ( see # 2 above ) .

### **Input - Top Three (3 )**

- Accelerate new unit rental housing development over the 2023 – 2027 period by 20 % from our current baseline with clear 1 year maximum timelines from development inception submission to building permit and/ or rental license approval . There should be zero increase in the cost of funding deferred development fees by taxpayers to achieve this goal. Re- write that Incentive Zone program now to only support the “ Affordable “ category . ( We are not getting what London needs from this program – just what developers want & I’m paying for it ! ) .
- Improve traffic thru – put capacity on all existing main corridors by 10 – 15 % over the 2023 – 2027 period . Reduce the measurable trip timing by 10 – 15 % concurrently and reduce the annual Customer Transportation Category Survey results from 30 % to below 15 % for the same 2023 – 27 period. Do not wait for the completion of the Master Mobility Plan to start - We can chew gum & walk here Council.
- Increase the City of London annual target for “ service improvements “ contributions ( cost avoidance forward and/ or cost savings ) to our Tax Payer funded Operating Budget from 0.25 % annually to 1.5 % annually starting in the coming 2023 Budget Year. Expand this program down to the grass roots Employee contributions , suggestions level EG . Continuous Improvement Program . We need to start walking the talk on “ Good Governance & Leaders In Public Service “ and to pay for our next round of Strategic Planning. WE have barely scratched the surface in harnessing the power of employee driven improvement opportunities.

THXS – Chris Butler

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**From:** Jacqueline Madden

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**Subject:** Strategic Plan and Paratransit

Dear City of London Councillors,

I am writing to you to request that City Council include improvements to Paratransit in the upcoming strategic plan.

I have attached both an email from Jody Goldhawk describing her experience (see below) and a link to a CBC news story from today that explain some of the difficulties with the system. <https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/this-london-senior-is-trapped-at-home-relying-on-ltc-s-impossible-paratransit-service-1.6703581>

I joined London's Accessibility Advisory Committee in 2016 with one of my prime motivators being the inadequacy of the Paratransit system and my belief that by getting involved with this committee that some improvements to the system could be realized. After serving for 5 years with many strong, knowledgeable, persistent advocates, I resigned without seeing a single step forward with the Paratransit system. In reality, the system has gotten progressively worse over these years. One of our strong advocates joined the Paratransit Advisory Committee and eventually resigned having found that committee to be totally ineffective and present in name-only.

The Paratransit system is absolutely imperative to people with physical disabilities to allow them to access their community for the necessities of life including medical appointments, groceries, employment and social inclusion. The current system has become almost inaccessible to the majority of people and has significant repercussions on their health, welfare and safety.

The bottom line of all the concerns is that there needs to be a commitment of more money into the system to mirror the ever-increasing user numbers. There also has to be a commitment to improving the efficiency of the present system and looking for innovative solutions including the use of newer technologies. Many communities are struggling with similar issues and many have found solutions that our city could imitate and improve upon.

London's ACCAC conducted a series of community open houses in the fall of 2017 and that report was presented to Council in December of 2017. The key findings were grouped into 3 sections: transportation, employment and infrastructure barriers. Transportation was, by far, the biggest concern and was raised by almost every single person that attended the open houses or gave feedback in other ways. I realize that this report is now 5 years old but I assure you that nothing has changed and most likely the situation has become more dire than it was 5 years ago. I have attached that report for your perusal as well.

The City of London also has an incredible resource in-house. Melanie Stone is your accessibility and inclusion advisor as part of the Anti-Racism and Oppression team within the City of London. She is absolutely brilliant, has a wealth of information and is a wonderful collaborator. I'm certain she would welcome any questions you may have. She can be reached at 519-661-2489 ext 2425 or [mstone@london.ca](mailto:mstone@london.ca). Another fantastic resource for you, who is a wise, articulate, long-term volunteer with the City of London, is the current chair of your ACCAC, Jay Menard.

I would like to have the opportunity to meet with you, at your convenience, to discuss this issue. I have a long history of working with the City and understand the issues from both the user and the provider's points of view. We simply cannot wait another 4 years for action and the only way to get started is to get this put into the upcoming strategic plan.

I can make myself available at most anytime and look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,  
Jacqueline Madden

# Executive Summary and Compilation of the Accessibility Advisory Committee's Open House Project

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An examination of the responses received from the five physical open houses, from Oct. 3, 2017 through Oct. 14, 2017, combined with additional feedback received through an on-line survey and individual contact.

Received by ACCAC on Nov. 23, 2017

## Executive Summary

It's right there in the 2015-2019 Strategic Plan. The idea of creating a Community Diversity and Inclusion Strategy was supported due to the need to "build a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming community" by "supporting all Londoners to feel engaged and involved in our community."

That idea was reinforced by the Community Diversity & Inclusion Strategy's vision, which states that "London is a diverse and inclusive community that honours, welcomes, and accepts all people; where people have the power to eliminate systemic oppressions."

They are lovely words. But for people with disabilities in our community, that's largely all they are -- words.

As you will find through this report, there are systemic barriers that have been put in place over the years. In our built environment alone, there are access barriers that prevent people with disabilities from enjoying the same freedom as those without disabilities. But while Heritage Designation is prioritized, accessibility is not.

Yet only one of those two is a protected human right.

In addition to the systemic barriers, there are attitudinal barriers that both people with disabilities and their advocates experience throughout the city and within the confines of City Hall. Many of the issues that we present in this document should not be new to any member of council. In many cases, they are issues that have been brought forth by members of the community and the Accessibility Advisory Committee on repeated occasions.

But they have been ignored, dismissed, deprioritized, or filed away for further use.

Accessibility is not about accommodation. It is not about doing something "extra" or "special." It is a commitment to ensuring that all people in this city have equitable access to the resources, opportunities, and experiences that the city has to offer. A city is a community, but when you perpetuate barriers (whether they be physical, mental, or emotional), you're making a statement about which people get to fully participate in that community.

Recently, one of our committee members engaged in an online discussion with one councillor about the lack of accessibility focus on a BRT discussion in the local newspaper. This councillor, who had not attended any of the five open houses we hosted, said, "I look forward to seeing [this report]."

We hope you do more than see it. We hope that you give it more than a cursory glance. We hope that you read it thoroughly.



We have chosen to keep in the vast majority of the attendees' comments as stated because it's important to know that these are real issues, experienced by real people. They're not statistics, they're not a bottom-line number on a balance sheet for a transit service -- they are people in this community who feel marginalized, who do not feel "engaged and involved in our community," and for whom London has not lived up to its ideal of being an "inclusive community that honours, welcomes, and accepts all people."

If the ideal that "people have the power to eliminate systemic oppressions" is more than just a catchy phrase on a page, then we encourage you to not just "see" this report but act upon it.

## Methodology

The Accessibility Advisory Committee executed five open houses across the city to solicit feedback from the community for this report. The intent of this report is to help inform city staff for its update to the 2018-2021 accessibility plan.

The open houses were held at the following locations:

- Central Library, Oct. 3 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.
- Central Library, Oct. 3 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.
- Medway Community Centre: Oct. 4 from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.
- North London Optimist Community Centre: Oct. 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and
- South London Community Centre: Oct. 14 from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

The event times and locations were strategically chosen to try to provide for the best opportunity for people from across the city to participate in these events. As we know, transportation is a barrier, so we did not want to follow the traditional "downtown-only" method of engagement. And to facilitate a broader participatory opportunity, the committee chose to offer engagement sessions both during standard business hours and during off-peak times, including on the weekends, to be respectful of attendees' potential work and educational commitments.

Following the final event, the Accessibility Advisory Committee distributed an e-mail survey, designed to both gauge user satisfaction with the events and solicit additional feedback. The survey was distributed to those who registered for the events on Eventbrite, as well as ancillary distribution through social media.

The events were advertised in a variety of ways, appearing in the Mayor's newsletter, on the City of London's Accessibility page, through Twitter, through a liaison with the Ability First Coalition, and with printed posters distributed throughout the city at targetted locations

including, but not limited to, library branches, educational facilities, and senior's residences. The members of the accessibility advisory committee also amplified these messages throughout their own social media networks.

The results of the open houses, surveys, and other feedback were compiled by the members of the accessibility advisory committee, discussed and prioritized at its Nov. 13, 2017 education and awareness subcommittee event, and presented and ratified, in this format, at the Nov. 23, 2017 meeting of the accessibility advisory committee.

In total, we had 38 attendees at the Open Houses, with 19 responses to the follow-up survey. Of those 19 responses, nine represented unique visitors who self-identified as not attending one of the five physical events. Finally, we have included post-event feedback, which includes responses from six community members and/or organizations.

## **Acknowledgements**

The Accessibility Advisory Committee is extremely grateful for the support of Chantel Da Silva, specialist, municipal policy (AODA) at the City of London. We would also like to thank the City Clerk's office, in particular our committee secretary Jerri-Joanne Bunn, for their support in this project. We would like to recognize the four facilities that kindly hosted the event and their staff, who assisted us in the successful execution. And, of course, we'd like to thank the members of the public, who attended these open houses, as well as Mayor Matt Brown, and councillors Maureen Cassidy, Anna Hopkins, and Michael Van Holst, all of whom attended at least one of the open houses.

## **Key Findings**

The results of all of our communication efforts pointed to three key areas of concerns for the respondents: transportation, employment, and infrastructure barriers. In the following three sections, we've summarized some of the top-level findings, but we strongly encourage you to read through the entire documentation in order to understand the depth and diversity of the commentary that informed these three items.

### **Transportation**

Without a doubt, transportation was the number one priority at all of the events. Access to adequate transportation is a must for so many integral reasons:

- Involvement and connection to the community and its events
- Access to reliable transit means more opportunities to pursue employment
- Freedom to be a part of the community and live the same life as other Londoners
- Flexibility of schedule, allowing for the same changes that everyone else has (sudden illness, sick kids)

The biggest barrier we have faced is internal perception amongst those with an opportunity to affect change when it comes to transit. In presentations, we often hear how well paratransit is doing on a cost-per-ride basis. However, while the numbers can be made to state one thing, the reality is far, far different. We have heard how cost effective paratransit is, but when a large majority of its users have little positive to say about it, is it actually a success? When people choose not to use it due to its unreliability, thereby keeping themselves out of the workforce, is it a success? When people use it in spite of its faults because it's the only option, is that a success?

We have heard that paratransit is not a City issue -- but the simple fact of the matter is that the City funds the vast majority of the paratransit service. Therefore, there's a clear financial -- if not moral -- obligation to improve the service.

From having to spend hours each day in some lottery style game of phone roulette hoping to get a ride for that day, to the unrealistic expectation that one could anticipate illness and emergencies three days in advance in order to cancel a ride is not a positive customer experience.

Our second finding, employment, is directly impacted by reliable transit. Casual and shift work is virtually impossible for those relying on paratransit due to the varying nature of the hours, which is not conducive to meeting the unfair burden of expectations relating to bookings and cancellations. Regular LTC service, whilst more reliable schedule-wise, is not always supportive of accessible needs -- especially in regards to volume. And this doesn't even factor in the limited scope of LTC service as it relates to access to industrial areas and weekend/off-peak scheduling.

There were also access and security issues brought up that are a concern, which should be addressed. Paratransit riders who often ride alone and are literally strapped into a location are the very definition of a vulnerable population. Any and all efforts, up to and including cameras on board, should be a starting point for security.

## **Employment Opportunities**

The numbers are clear and as the City of London has a vested interest in accessible employment (ACCAC member Jay Ménard, through Digital Echidna, and the City's own Chief Human Resources Office Bill Coxhead are on the province's Round Table for Accessible Employment), but yet there are still significant barriers to integrating people with disabilities into the workforce.

We have addressed some of the transportation challenges in the previous section. However, there are systemic barriers to employment that must be prioritized in any planning. These

include, but are not limited to, misinformation and false assumptions by employers; and hiring policies and practices that unintentionally exclude people with disabilities.

Some of the most effective changes actually wouldn't take money or copious resources. For example, one huge barrier that the City itself has perpetuated in the past is the demand for a "valid driver's license." However, many people with disabilities either choose not to, or are unable to hold a driver's license. Are they qualified for the job? Yes. Do they apply? Not when they see criteria that clearly excludes them from participation.

Blanket statements to the effect that a company is an equal-opportunity employer are wonderful sentiments. But without an active policy in place behind them that ensures not just that the playing field is levelled, but that all participants can make it to the field of play, they remain just words.

Other than Toronto, London has the most significant presence on the Province's Employer's Partnership Table. We have a real opportunity to lead and be a community that lives up to its stated goal of being "a diverse, inclusive, and welcoming community." The City's accessibility plan needs to encourage the city's employment sector -- through partnerships with agencies like LEDC and the Chamber of Commerce -- to make accessible employment policies standard.

## Infrastructure

The best way to address this challenge is to provide anecdotes to illustrate the points:

- A driver passes a visually impaired man standing at a bus stop in a construction zone. This stop has been moved due to the work and there is a notification, in print, nearby. Three hours later, the same driver returns on that street. The man is still standing there. The driver pulls over and finds out that the man has been waiting for the bus and was unaware of the change.
- A man in a wheelchair enters the accessible washroom in London's marquee park -- the home of multiple festivals and community events that are ostensibly designed to welcome the community as a whole to celebrate. This man finds that the accessible stall door will not close fully behind him and his wheelchair.
- A woman with mobility challenges reaches a corner, only to find out that it's completely blocked. There's a sign that states, "Pedestrians use other sidewalk." When she crosses (in the middle of traffic), that side is also completely blocked. In fact, all four corners have been ripped up and the first notification was at the point of blockage. That woman now must retrace her steps back to the previous block to walk around the area.
- A woman in a motorized chair drives down Colborne St. at 11 p.m. The sidewalk is blocked on both sides. There is a large cage surrounding the excavation site. Her only option is to drive onto the street, towards oncoming traffic. She is visible to drivers coming towards her only when the vehicle's lights illuminate her.

When it comes to development, this city prioritizes heritage to the point where it can delay or derail buildings because of challenges to heritage designation. While we appreciate the past, why can the same consideration not be made for people in our present and our future. Of heritage, environment, and accessibility, only one is a protected human right -- yet accessibility is often overlooked or ignored in our infrastructure efforts.

There are significant physical barriers in buildings all throughout the city, but in particular in the downtown core (often protected by heritage designations). These are compounded by man-made barriers that the city and/or services often put up during repair and construction work. Even though these disturbances may only last a few days, that's not acceptable to people who have no other alternatives or options.

First, we need to mandate compliance to accessibility regulations. No street should have all four corners blocked. No construction should be undertaken without ensuring that there is adequate alternative routes put in place. And no public buildings should come with accessibility barriers.

But success comes from reaching out to the private sector. The City needs to use its influence to ensure that private facilities are accessible, that there are incentives for those who want to retrofit, and to find a humane balance between preserving the city's past and making it accessible to those who live in the city today -- and into the future.

This can also be augmented by improved awareness -- finding ways to ensure that people with disabilities are aware of potential mobility barriers. And this cannot be limited to on-line notifications as the fact of the matter is that some people with disabilities don't have the luxury of regular on-line access. For people on fixed incomes, an aged population, or those with mental and or physical barriers that make on-line communication difficult, a website or push notification to a phone isn't enough. We have to ensure that notification, both physical and electronic, is accessible to those who need it.

## Compiled Feedback from the Events

### Transportation

#### Paratransit

- Need improved communication between dispatch and drivers
- Customer service speak disrespectfully to riders
- Wait time for rides are too long
- Riders left stranded
- No ability to cancel within three days without being penalized
- "Your life is on hold while you wait." Have to spend up to three hours trying to get an answer on the phone
- Forcing people to pre-determine when they're leaving an event/activity is not equal access
- The system should not be subcontracted out to other vendors
- LTC drivers better trained, better able to appreciate needs of disabled
- Should be better security in paratransit vehicles -- cameras would be a must
- Vendors often undertrained
- Booking system inhumane-- three days ahead, dial many, many times, still no ride available
- Difficult to rely on paratransit for regular employment
- Difficult for people with no cell phone; no way to contact paratransit when left stranded
- Challenge mayor/councilor to use paratransit for a month
- Need extended customer service hours
- Dry-cleaned seats cause sensitivity to riders (need to let people know when this is affecting their bus)
- Scent-free buses
- Why do ODSP recipients pay for paratransit?
- No response from city or AODA or London Transit to enquiries or concerns
- Trouble getting rides home at night
- Why no online-booking? (but need phone booking too for those without internet access)
- Huge issue that crosses over to all other areas of life
- Need more coordinated trips
- More buses required
- More money required
- Paratransit changes times/schedules without informing clients
- Booking process (mentioned every session, every group and came up in every topic)
- No availability for spontaneous outings
- Develop an app to book paratransit, see where the vehicle is, track the ride
- Allegation of assault levied during one event
- If the City funds the majority of the service, they should control it

- No way of knowing when a ride is appearing -- you have to wait, often outside in inclement weather for the ride
- If you miss it, or they show up early, you're punished
- If you "miss" too many rides, you're kicked off the system -- which is unfair to those with children, etc.
- You can't schedule sick days three days in advance
- The subscription service is OK, but still has many of the aforementioned challenges
- Why can't there be an app, like Uber, that lets you know where your driver is

### Regular transit

- Strollers placed in accessible spaces
- New buses are actually less comfortable for wheelchair riders
- All wheelchairs located on one side of the bus
- Buses "racing" over train grades, causing jostling of those in wheelchairs
- Sidewalk obstruction due to snow clearing, garbage day
- Electronic signage boards need to be working well at Dundas/Richmond and be visible from all corners so that disabled pedestrians don't have to walk between corners to find which bus of their three options is next
- Clearer north/south, east/west bus routes
- Downtown new LTC office is accessible
- Need more wheelchair accessible taxis/ride-sharing (only nine licensed in the city)
- On buses, the stop request signs —can't see what the next stop is once it has been triggered. Is this a solvable technical issue?
- Free transit for those 65+ and people with disabilities in Scotland
- Time to get from A to B on a regular bus takes way more time
- If there are too many people on the bus, wheelchair-bound riders are left at the stop
- One respondent called ahead of time, stating that a group of people who use wheelchairs were interested in attending an event and using the bus to get there. Tried to pre-schedule a trip -- was told not to bother, they'd leave more than half on the side of the road
- Trouble with LTC drivers not putting down ramp or asking people to move from accessible spots. Wheelchair users being left on curb when others taking up the accessible spots
- Need a means to report problem drivers and buses that is user-friendly and monitored
- Seats necessary at bus shelters
- Attitude of driver dropping someone off in the street (cab/Uber)
- Bus shelters are inadequate
- Bus stops are often blocked by construction/snow
- When planning BRT -- concerned re use of technology to speed up traffic that must take into account the time needed to cross intersections (bus transponders?)
- Accessibility doesn't seem to be a part of BRT -- one proposed Richmond street area will create barriers for people trying to cross the street

## Employment

- Need to educate employers for understanding ways to accommodate people with disabilities who can do the job but need some modifications
- Mandating that accessibility to job interviews/training etc. should be looked upon as negative or a black mark against the prospective job seeker
- Allowing communicative devices for deaf clients to be used in the workplace
- City must be a leader for employing people with disabilities
- Challenge employers to adapt so that shorter shifts or more part-time opportunities are available
- Challenge employers to help solve the job situation by creating a disability percentage — a quota as was done for women and visible minorities
- Enforcement of AODA standards for employment
- More supportive employment agency geared specifically for people with disabilities
- More diversity in type of employment needs
- All City of London jobs seem to require a driver's license to apply online (very limiting for those with disabilities)
- Employers not flexible with work hours so that employee can access transportation
- Lack of transportation (even to job fair!!)
- Individual told outright "we don't know how we can accommodate you" ...more education and support needed
- Need accessible doorways/automatic buttons
- Bigger meeting spaces
- Teleconference resources
- Workplace compensation/accommodation
- Flexible schedules (especially to accommodate transportation)
- Opportunity to work from home
- Workplace committee to deal with duty to accommodate/requirements for new construction of workplaces and for retrofits/standards in legislation/training of architects
- Communication between business, employees and customers in plain language
- Need affordable transportation to employment
- Transportation is an issue -- can't rely on paratransit to get to jobs, especially if they're shift-work or the times change

## Infrastructure

- Curbs — install more of the new rubber corner aids at crosswalks
- Stop making new/repared curbs inaccessible
- Park entrances and exits need to be properly graded
- Citizen line/website to report inaccessible curbs (like is done for potholes)
- Store entrances need to be accessible



- Construction; covering a pipe with stones does not make it passable
- Construction that covers/blocks a sidewalk must have an accessible cover so wheelchairs can pass over safely
- “Public” places need ramps and accessible doors
- Downtown curbs and sidewalks are terrible...cracks, slopes, curbs not to code
- interlocking brick streets are awful (Richmond between York and King is essentially a slalom course)
- Many downtown buildings are not accessible
- Heritage prioritized over accessibility
- Even "accessible" washrooms aren't always accessible -- Victoria Park and example. You can't close the washroom door in a stall, the turn radius is too small
- Roundabouts difficult for pedestrians with disabilities to navigate safely
- Snow clearing problematic especially at intersections (piles block sidewalks and curb cuts)
- Media weather should give info on sidewalk ice conditions for pedestrians as well as drivers
- Remind property owners that they cannot pile snow on public sidewalks (media campaign?)
- Encourage property owners and businesses to scrape snow right down to the sidewalk level (sidewalk plows leave a thin layer which can freeze or get compacted, making it difficult for those with mobility challenges to pass by)
- Streets without boulevards can be a problem in winter and on garbage day
- Accessible door buttons — who fixes them if they are incorrectly placed or not working?
- Need reporting system for code violations
- Accessible ramps, washrooms, menus in all businesses and entertainment venues
- Accessible washrooms at festivals and special events
- Accessible parking – need proper size, signage, ramps and location
- Need better awareness of the differences in accessible parking spots (those with the diagonal lines are intended for vehicles with ramps)
- Rail crossings are terrible for people with wheelchairs -- a very real concern (ex. train tracks near Western Fair, train tracks at Ridout near the Copp's) that a wheel could get stuck in the grooves and leave one at risk of getting hit)
- Can we better inform people about construction and access barriers? Better use of on-line? Push notifications? Putting up a sign the block before a barrier so that people with mobility issues don't have to get to the point of the barrier only to have to turn back?
- Any notifications must be respectful of those without electronic access due to physical, mental, or financial restrictions
- Bus route changes aren't clearly communicated (one respondent told of a blind man who waited for three hours at a bus stop which had been moved due to construction.)
- Full communication access in every business and entertainment venue
- Lighting conducive to deaf people to communicate around a table (often too dark!)
- “Get a pass when you eat here’ — cannot use for the movie you want to see (without pass too expensive)

- Safety of downtown especially for vulnerable people
- Accessible washrooms locked at Central Library during this Open House
- Mall restrooms without power buttons on doors
- More accessible restrooms (unlocked) in public buildings/spaces
- More accessible pools
- Southcrest pool is fantastic!!
- Support/promote portable ramps for businesses
- Curbs/sidewalks in downtown are NOT accessible
- The standard for curb-cuts in this city are inadequate
- Timing for street crossing. There is not enough time to cross (e.g. Wonderland and Oxford near Hutton House)
- Crossing times are too short for people with mobility challenges, including Parkinson's
- Need better indications for pedestrians of intersections with advanced left turns. Often no signage in the pedestrian view
- Need a way to report problem intersections
- Does Chantal work with public planners?
- When planning BRT, concerned re use of technology to speed up traffic that must take into account the time needed to cross intersections (bus transponders?)
- Accessibility doesn't seem to be a part of BRT -- one proposed Richmond street area will create barriers for people trying to cross the street
- Do we have traffic data analysis to monitor our intersections? If we do, what happens with that data?
- Walkable communities are more accessible by nature
- Need visible corners. Clear obstructions (e.g. hedges)
- Snow removal often makes sidewalks and streets inaccessible
- Need more accessible (and close) parking at hospitals
- Need better way to address disruptions caused by construction that blocks an accessible route
- Accessible infrastructure for new sub-divisions. Consider grading
- Bike routes could keep sidewalks safer
- Align building entrances with access points like parking lots, sidewalks, etc....is there a way to require this to be reviewed by people with disabilities or city support staff?
- Should Public Engineering be required to pass a course in this so it's done right the first time?
- Lack of sidewalks along Wellington S. near Dearness
- City hospitals are not accessible. Long distances to walk, restrooms not adequate
- Could there not be a group with lived experience who can review and test proposed building plans?
- Can we incentivize developers to make accessibility a part of their designs?
- Can we mandate a certain percentage of a development to be accessible?

## Housing

- There is a 10-15 year wait for independent living
- Serious shortage of accessible, affordable housing
- Aging population will increase the need for this type of housing
- Need variety of housing models: flex, co-op, etc
- Houses need to be visitable (better social opportunities)
- Share your home model -- Alice Saddy Association is a share provider
- Grey Street Housing — no management/criminal activity
- Verbal abuse from other tenants
- Government help for home modifications
- Wait list for years even with severe disabilities
- Apartment entrances need ramps and door buttons
- Lack of geared to income housing
- More affordable, accessible housing
- Remove bylaw re: minimum separation distances for group homes
- Incorporate accessible housing/group homes into city planning
- Enforcement of AODA for new buildings and renovations
- Universal design for new buildings
- How to get more affordable and accessible housing. Include all types of housing: apartments, condos, single family
- Is the legislation clear enough on requirements for new, grandfathering and retro-fitting
- Who inspects to see that rules are followed?
- Raise the number of accessible units mandatory in apartment buildings and housing complexes
- Drop houses to ground level
- Make builders aware of need for accessible units and how sellable they are
- Funding has been cut for March of Dimes so very little funding available for renovations
- Filling out applications at the right time is a barrier
- Ontario Renovates runs out of money and funding is only for removable items...no structural changes allowed
- Building code: change it. Ground-level entrance, wider doorways and hallways, bathroom larger
- Make new homes easier to become accessible
- Money is the barrier!!!
- Research accessibility needs so we have facts to establish policy changes/building code changes/funding increases
- How can city support/advocate for funding/support from agencies and other levels of government?
- How can city form connections?
- Unsafe houses (e.g. group homes)
- Shelters are inaccessible. One homeless person with a disability was unable to access supports due to accessibility barriers

## Attitudinal Barriers

- Need more public awareness campaigns (as we do for bicycles/motorcycles) to address rude pedestrians and multi-purpose path sharing
- Sensitization march for inclusion
- Video series and lived experience stories
- Radio/TV advocacy for awareness
- Need grassroots advocacy effort
- Need assistance from city for community events to provide accessibility accommodations
- Assistance from city to make neighbourhood associations accessible to all
- Is there assistance from the city to help people with disabilities submit paperwork for grants?
- More outreach and ways to give feedback to ACCAC and city staff
- Our post-secondary campuses seem to be doing a good job with accessibility
- Airshow was very welcoming for people with disabilities
- Limited access to entertainment due to ODSP
- Need public education campaign (like they do for school buses) to make people aware of needs of people with disabilities while navigating our streets and public places
- ACCAC not accessible to everyone
- No one to listen to our concerns
- Make services for those with disabilities more widely known (e.g. garbage/mail pick up at door.)
- Let people know about accommodations available
- Lack of education re: reasons for needs for sidewalk changes in neighbourhoods (Oakridge)
- Attitude toward mentally ill. No supports in place to take someone off the street into services. They can't make that leap on their own
- Need supportive housing (not just for seniors!!)
- Other issue is for the general population using the streets safely in the downtown among the mentally ill. It is scary for the public
- Denial of disability makes it high risk for everyone
- Need for public education re: all disabilities (dementia, mental health, TBI, included)
- ODSP is insufficient. Costs out of whack
- Automated phone systems not user-friendly for people with hearing loss, processing disorders, etc. It seems that efficiency of organization trumps needs of population e.g. Pin #'s, automated operators, etc.
- Need education about disability...people with disabilities need to be visible
- Increase spectrum programming to include periodic recreational/leisure trips
- Better awareness of people with other disabilities -- Parkinson's, for example, often gets misinterpreted in the general public

## Online Survey Results

### What do you feel is (are) the biggest issues relating to accessibility in the City of London?

- Transportation -- lack of accessible taxi services and limits to paratransit
- Getting existing building updated.
- Education and understanding of the issues faced by individuals and organizations ( the City).
- Pedestrian accessibility and transportation
- For us, it is road safety at intersections. There seems to be reluctance to assist with our accessibility by installing four-way stops.
- Transportation -- more paratransit buses are needed
- A greater focus on the development of walkable neighbourhoods -- walkable neighbourhoods are also better for wheelchair/walker/cane/scooter users when walkways, stores etc are also accessible. Residential neighbourhoods that are in walkable range of grocery stores, libraries, drugstores reduce the need for longer distance transportation vehicles and reduce the fatigue for disabled individuals, and the dependence on others for basic needs. This also means that persons with disabilities interact with neighbours in the course of their daily lives, resulting in greater understanding and acceptance of persons with disabilities
- Accessibility on sidewalks during construction. Transportation. Overloaded paratransit system, lack of digital booking options for paratransit, decreasing urgency installing sidewalks, snow removal/clearing, stigma in employment/lack of employment opportunities, limited implementation of existing AODA standards
- One issue two tide accessible transit and accessible apartments
- Lack of employment opportunities for those with disabilities
- Buildings are either not accessible or say they are but not what people with disabilities really need.
- Transportation, employment
- The complete lack of awareness by our ENTIRE City Council to the issues.
- Access to timely transportation
- Transportation in winter for wheelchair users. Paratransit for full time workers that use wheelchairs needs improvement
- The six to seven-year waiting list for subsidized housing

**Do you have any additional comments, suggestions, ideas, or statements that you would like to make regarding the state of accessibility in the City of London?**

"Why can't the City mandate [that] upgrades to existing building be done prior to AODA coming into effect. Give building owners incentives (or disincentives) for making changes sooner rather than later. It's been years since its introduction and it seems that everyone is just waiting till the drop dead date to make improvements to existing properties."

"More and ongoing opportunities for those living with disabilities to speak and voice their concerns is needed. Also, follow up and feedback to those voicing concerns is important. People need to know they are heard."

"There should be more effort made to better include people with various disabilities to accommodate all motor & non-motor issues. This effort should go well beyond just participating on various committees."

"It seems that if someone has a physical disability, it is more noticeable and accommodations are made to assist with accessibility. HOWEVER, cognitive issues are more difficult to notice and can be more easily ignored from an accessibility standpoint."

"London is a leader in accessibility but I wonder if people looking into doing renovations could be encouraged to consult the City before instituting accessibility measures to get it right."

"AAC should be given stronger recommendation powers within city hall -- as a purely advisory committee, too many good ideas/suggestions/criticisms are 'noted and filed' by council and not acted upon."

"Ask people with disabilities their expert opinion on how things should be accessible and not guess what they need."

"If people with disabilities can have complete access to transportation it could help them to find gainful employment, then, many other issues will also be resolved."

"We are still years behind. INVEST NOW."

"All city counselors should have to take paratransit to understand the short fall in funding."

"Accessible buses are great, but bus stops are impassible for days after snowfall."

"Suggest City Council consider a by-law to make at least 10 per cent of residential rental units RGI (rent geared to income)"

## Post Open-House Feedback

### Paratransit

Consumer was missed in the morning because they showed up 15min before his booking was done. Afternoon had been automatically cancelled since it was a no show in the morning.

Winter time: Consumer was supposed to be picked up at 4:30PM in downtown, Paratransit did not show up, when called and asked where they are. Answer was they had to dispatch the bus to Woodstock. Consumer was outside in the cold for 5hrs waiting in the cold, not able to feel cold or heat.

Riders are concerned about their safety on buses. They want to be free from physical/sexual violence, harassment, and verbal abuse

Patients that need to be at the hospital for dialysis can't get rides and the cost of taking cabs is too much

There needs to be medical transportation for seniors that's affordable

The new telephone booking system is hard to use and is creating a barrier due to holding for long periods of time, difficulty canceling rides, rides booked up before getting through, and having to need assistance of another person to make calls to get through

Sometimes rides are booked way before person needs to leave their home which creates another barrier for people that are chronically ill or have personal care needs. They cannot be out too long

Paratransit has been better at picking up people in the past year

### Taxi Cabs

Call was placed for a Van who is also taking service dogs. Driver not educated to get a Service Dog in the car. The driver did not feel the need to take the dog's leash. Dog was getting dangerously close to the road. Staff ran out to make sure the service dog got in the car and advised the driver of the importance of this dog for the owner.

### Conventional Transit

Winter time: Consumer got stuck with his wheelchair in the snow; Bus driver ignored the situation and closed the door. Consumer and Service Dog where stuck in the cold.

Strollers on conventional transit take up space for those with mobility issues, especially those with wheelchairs and scooters Bus drivers need to ensure that those with strollers/other collapsible items collapse them to make room for chairs and scooters. The sign on the bus is not

enough to get people with strollers to move. When not done people with chairs or scooters are left at the stop and this becomes an even worse problem in the winter.

Riders are concerned about their safety on buses. They want to be free from physical/sexual violence, harassment, etc.

## **Housing**

Lack of accessible showers in two bedroom apartments

Cigarette smoke seeping into hallways and apartment units in buildings aggravates those with breathing and health issues. There isn't much done to alleviate this.

Likes the idea of having students residing in senior residences for cheaper rent

Wished there was a sliding scale for rent in the private building market. It would open up housing opportunities and in better kept apartment buildings

There's a need for safe accessible affordable housing

## **Entertainment**

Many of the restaurants on Richmond are not accessible by wheelchair and their washrooms are not accessible to people with mobility issues

The Taco Bell on Oxford East isn't accessible

## **Built Environment**

Something needs to be done about icy sidewalks in the winter

## **Social Services**

City's application process to get medical devices (e.g. orthotics) is very intrusive into an individual's finances. Other places only ask for the individual's income

## **Community Involvement**

Being able to use Skype or other technologies to have meetings for advisory and working groups (not everyone has access to transportation to attend meetings in person)

Having the City up-date access to the internet at all facilities. Some provide better internet service than others. The Kiwanis Senior Community Centre has extremely poor internet service.



## Survey Results (Satisfaction Metrics)

### Central Oct. 3 at 1 (n=2)

- Location 9.5
- Time 9.5
- Facilitation of Event 9
- Quality of Discussion 7.5
- Opportunity to Speak 8
- Amenities (snacks/beverages) 9
- Interaction with Facilitators 9

### Central Oct. 3 at 6 (n=1)

- Location 8
- Time 8
- Facilitation of Event 8
- Quality of Discussion 8
- Opportunity to Speak 8
- Amenities (snacks/beverages) 8
- Interaction with Facilitators 8

### Medway (n=2)

- Location 4.5
- Time 5.5
- Facilitation of Event 6.5
- Quality of Discussion 7.5
- Opportunity to Speak 5.5
- Amenities (snacks/beverages) 5
- Interaction with Facilitators 5

### North London Optimist (n=5)

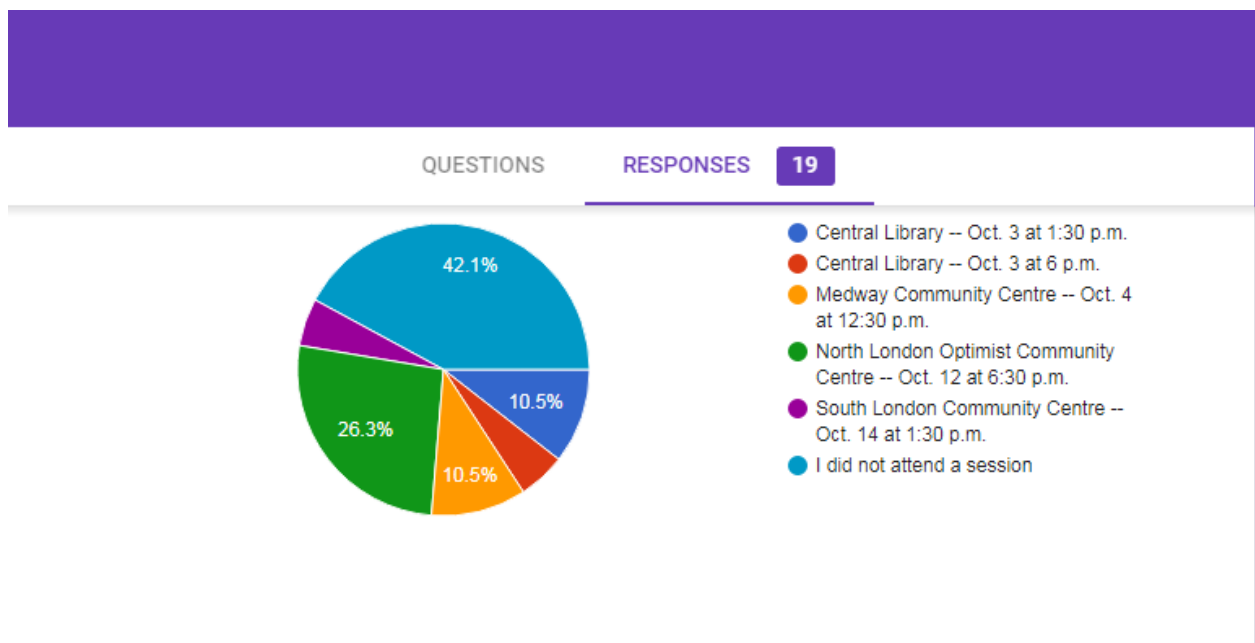
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- Time 7
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- Opportunity to Speak 8.6
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- Interaction with Facilitators 7.8

## South London Optimist (n=1)

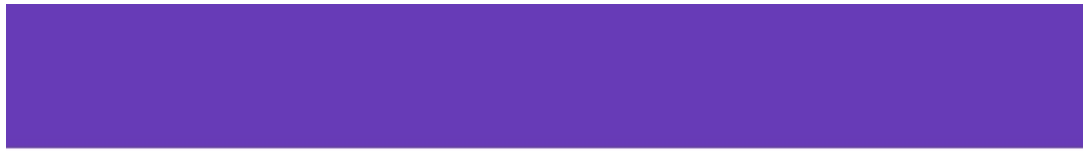
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- Interaction with Facilitators 9

## Survey Results Charts

### Location of Attendance



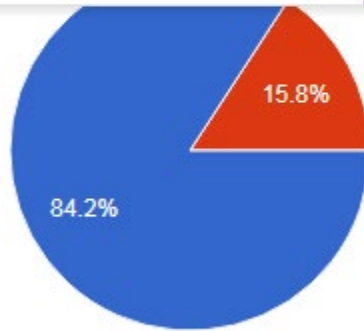
## Are You a Resident of London?



QUESTIONS

RESPONSES

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● No

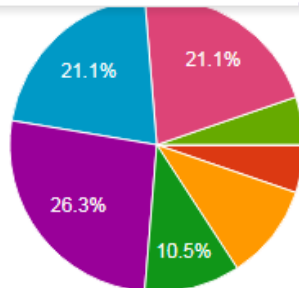
## What is Your Age Range?



QUESTIONS

RESPONSES

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● Under 18

● Between 18-24

● Between 25-34

● Between 35-44

● Between 45-54

● Between 55-64

● Between 65-74

● Between 75-84

● 85 and above

Why did you have an interest in the accessibility open house? (please select the answer that best represents your primary reason for attendance)

18 responses

