

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2013
FROM:	GRANT HOPCROFT, DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND COMMUNITY LIAISON
SUBJECT:	CANADA CARIBBEAN LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Intergovernmental and Community Liaison, the following report on the Canada Caribbean Local Economic Development Program **BE RECEIVED**.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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Finance and Administrative Services Committee: November 5, 2012
Corporate Services Committee: March 19, 2013

BACKGROUND

Councillor Usher, a member of FCM’s Standing Committee on International Relations, has been selected by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to participate in the Inaugural Local Governance Symposium 2013, meetings organized by the Caribbean Local Economic Development Program (CARILED) in both Belize and Jamaica, September 25 to October 2. The theme of these meetings is the role of elected officials in local economic development. The City of London continues to be an active participant of FCM’s Local Economic Development program in Ukraine. Both programs are implemented by FCM and financially supported through the development assistance arm of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development Canada. Councillor Usher’s presentation to elected officials of the participating Caribbean countries will focus on the role of a municipal councillor in fostering local economic development. Using examples such as the London Economic Development Corporation, the Industrial Land Development Strategy, the *HIREOne* initiative and the work of the Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee, he will discuss the role of elected officials in creating opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship in the community.

The City of London is one of a number of Canadian municipalities to serve as models of expertise in local economic development (LED) and as resources for deployment of their expertise in LED in the CARILED program.

In accordance with normal program guidelines for such missions, all participant travel expenses will be paid by FCM.

Calls for CARILED volunteers in other sectors are pending and civic administration and outside experts will be engaged where appropriate.

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