



TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE SEPTEMBER 30, 2013
FROM:	GEORGE KOTSIFAS MANAGING DIRECTOR OF DEVELOPMENT & COMPLIANCE SERVICES AND CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL
SUBJECT:	WESTERN UNIVERSITY RESEARCH PARKS

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the following actions be taken with respect to the presentation by P. Paolatto, Executive Director, WORLDDiscoveries and Western Research Parks:

- a) the report dated September 30, 2013, from the Managing Director, Development & Compliance and Chief Building Official with respect to the progress and future plans for the Discovery Park in North London and the Advanced Manufacturing Park near Highway 401, **BE RECEIVED** for information; and,
- b) the Director of Business Liaison **BE IDENTIFIED** as the City of London point person for projects related to the Western University Research Park's.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

None

BACKGROUND

September 9, 2013, the Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee (IEPC) received a presentation from P,Paolatto, Executive Director, WorldDiscoveries and Western Research Parks relating to Western Universities conceptual plans for their Discovery Park and Advanced Manufacturing Park including its Vision and Mission statements as follows:

**Vision:** *Western's Research Parks are world renowned destination where: talent and technology, industry and invention, dreams and discoveries converge to create extraordinary works for the benefit of our world and our future.*

**Mission:** *To serve as an enabler and catalyst for Invention, economic growth, employment, wealth-creation and social good in the London Region*

IEPC **“REFERRED** the presentation to the Civic Administration for review and specific recommendations, on the Western University Research Park's (non-financial) requests to be considered at a special Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee (IEPC) meeting, in advance of the Council Meeting of October 1, 2013.”

It is worth noting that Development and Compliance staff currently meet informally with Western University Senior Administration and Project Managers to ensure City staff are apprised of upcoming initiatives at Western.



This report is intended to formalize our working relationship by identifying the Director, Business Liaison as the City of London point person relating to Western University Research Parks.

Existing Agreements:

**DISCOVERY PARK** (310 Windermere Road)

- The lands are currently zoned Regional Facility (RF (3) which permit large institutional type facilities including such uses as Research and Development and Laboratories;
- The Master Plan area is fully serviced including private road network and access to Western Road.
- The City of London entered into a “Master Site Plan” Development Agreement with the University Board of Governors on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 1991. The Agreement included a master site plan that was identified as conceptual in nature and it may be subject to modifications;
- Site Plan Approval is required for building construction.

**ADVANCED MANUFACTURING PARK** (Veterans Memorial Parkway near Highway 401)

- The lands are currently zoned Light Industrial (LI2(16)) which permits Advanced Manufacturing Industrial Uses and Advanced Manufacturing Educational Uses;
- Innovation Park Phase IV was Approved by Council February 22, 2010;
- The Corporation of the City of London entered into a Joint Venture Agreement with The Board of Governors of the University of Western Ontario and The Fanshawe College of Applied Arts and Technology, March 1, 2010;
- Site Plan Approval is required for building construction ;
- The subdivision is serviced from Bonder Road. The private roads were installed by the University and service all the lands owned by the Western.

CONCLUSION

The Corporation of the City of London entered into a joint venture agreement with “a view to stimulating economic growth, innovation and job creation for the City.” The Director, Business Liaison, as appointed, and the Development and Compliance team will work closely with Western University to assist in fulfilling their Vision and Mission statements and will continue to work with them to ensure that our policies, procedures and practices are enabling, efficient and effective.

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