

London Development Institute

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City of London
300 Dufferin Avenue
London, Ontario
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Attn.: Heather Woolsey, City Clerk's Office

Re: 2013 Council Compensation Review Task Force

Dear Ms. Woolsey,


This letter is being submitted on behalf of the LDI and the London Home Builders' Association (LHBA). We thank you for the opportunity to participate in the 2013 Council Compensation Review Task Force but because of the nature of our relationship with City staff and Council on business matters we think that it would be inappropriate for the development industry or the LHBA to comment on the compensation paid to Council members.

We would like to take this opportunity to include our comment on whether the Councillors role should be full or part time. The current requirement for councillors to be part time allows for the broadest cross section of society to run for Council. Citizens can pursue their chosen career for financial stability as well as participating for the civic good as a member of City Council.

We advise against any consideration for full time councillors.


Thanks again for the opportunity to comment on council member compensation and we will continue to monitor the work of the compensation task force.

Sincerely,
London Development Institute


Jim Kennedy
President, LDI

cc LDI Members

London Home Builders Association


Lois Langdon
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cc LHBA Advocacy members