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The Remembrance Gardens at 2315 River Road was completed in August of 2015, by members of the Remember November 11<sup>th</sup> Association, to honor and commemorate our Canadian veterans. It has since grown to include a central poppy garden with walkways that connect to commemorative boulders that recognize Canadian military and peacekeeping campaigns and the veterans that served in them. The gardens have become a solemn place for Londoners to come and pay their respects to the honored service of our veterans. The Remember the November 11<sup>th</sup> Association receive no city funds and currently maintain the gardens solely through a dedicated team of volunteers. They annually host a Remembrance Day service at the gardens, provide free meals to veterans at Centennial Hall, and other commemorative services throughout the year. The purpose of the motion listed below is to give direction to civic administration to create a memorandum of understanding for these gardens. This document will address the longstanding issue of laying out the roles and responsibilities of the City of London and the Remember the November 11<sup>th</sup> Association to maintain the gardens for current and future generations.

- a) *That Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back to the Community and Protective Services Committee with a memorandum of understanding, which lays out the roles and responsibilities of the City of London and the Remember the November 11<sup>th</sup> Association, for the shared operations of the Remembrance Gardens, located at 2315 River Road, by the end of Q2 of 2024; this report would include any costs that may be incurred on the part of the city for regular maintenance, electrical, or infrastructure upgrades which may be required on the property;*
- b) *That Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to engage Tourism London to recognize and promote Remembrance Gardens as an attraction for both residents and visitors; and,*

*That the communication from Councillor McAlister and Ferreira BE RECEIVED*

Sincerely,



**Hadleigh McAlister**  
Ward 1 Councillor  
City of London



**David Ferreira**  
Ward 13 Councillor  
City of London