

Dear Mayor and Councillors;

Below please find below the budget items that I, as a resident of London, support for the next budget cycle.

In my career, I was a professor of Statistical and Actuarial Sciences at Western from 1988 to 2020. Some of the work we did was on fire growth modelling, in conjunction with the Ministry of Natural Resources. A point of reference to how severe things got in the fire season of 2023 is that 18.6 million hectares of land burned in Canada. The HIGHEST previous burn amount over the previous 40 years of measurements was 7.1 million hectares, I believe in 1995. Such a huge jump in one fire season, being more than 2.5 times the previous record, is something I cannot recall ever having seen in any dataset.

I feel that it is crucial for us to do whatever we can within our power to actively respond to the climate crisis. Please act accordingly through your budget deliberations. Please consider these comments as part of the public record.

Sincerely yours,
David Stanford Ph.D.

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From: **David Stanford**
Date: Tue, Jan 23, 2024 at 10:24 AM
Subject: The draft budget items I wish to support as a resident
To: Franke, Skylar <sfranke@london.ca>

Dear Skylar;

I am writing today as a resident to support 4 proposals in the draft budget, asking you to support them. In reality, I suspect that you support them all, but resident engagement can't hurt the process!

P-51 Extended service hours: helps with getting more people out of their cars.

P-52 Transition to Zero-emission buses. GHG impact.

P-53 Road safety improvements. Point 2 here deals with road markings. There are streets with bike lanes where the markings are barely visible, and need to be redone, Ridout street notable among them. Point 3 on bike boulevard maintenance supports riding longer and through the winter.

P-56 Supporting the CEAP. These goals are important if we are to address climate change.

I also am in full support of the whole of community response to homelessness, and efforts to support the indigenous community in London, but today I am wearing my transit and biking hat.

Thanks for your time.
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