

To: Mayor and City Council

## **A Call for Sustainability in the City Budget**

Dear Mayor Morgan and Councillors,

The Council and City Staff have done an excellent job in drafting a comprehensive Strategic Plan. Although we would like to see ALL outcomes from the Strategic Plan funded, Council has indicated they will only entertain a small number of new initiatives due to the increase in costs for current services.

On January 18th, 55 Londoners from across sectors convened over 2 sessions (one online and one in-person) to discuss community priorities for the Multi-Year Budget. The “Sustainability Summit: Your Say on London’s Budget” was an innovative consensus-building exercise, resulting from deep collaboration among more than a dozen individuals and organizations that have met monthly since June 2023 to determine a small number of key fundamental sustainability items from the draft budget. This group translated information from the budget and disseminated it into the community, then collected and synthesized this feedback into collective action. The Summit follows the direction from Mayor Morgan: that if one or more budget items **generated broad community support**, those items would be strongly considered for inclusion in the budget.

Upon combining votes from participants in each of the two sessions, the items with the most support were:

**#P-51 and P-52 Transit Service Hours Growth and Zero Emission Bus Transition**  
**#P-9 Giwetashkad Indigenous Homelessness Strategic Plan**  
**#P-26 Community Gardens Program Expansion**  
**#P-56 Section 3 CEAP Corporate Investment**

Also important to the group were:

#P-3 Rapid Transit Implementation

#P-14 Municipal Housing Development Resourcing

*Several people expressed the desire to prioritize items that supported a sense of community.*

### How we got there:

Fourteen business cases were selected for consideration at the Sustainability Summit using screening criteria that included:

- Reconciliation with Indigenous People
- Equity - gender, diversity and inclusion
- Climate - reduced GHG emissions
- Economic Development - cost savings and green jobs
- Good Health and Food Sovereignty

- Protecting Nature Areas and Biodiversity
- Climate change Adaptation
- Circular Economy - reducing waste
- Complete, Connected Neighbourhoods, housing for all, accessible public spaces

At the Summit, each of these business cases were discussed and prioritized through three rounds of voting. The six business cases listed above represent the top 4 items from both groups. *Business cases P-51/52 and P-9 were in the top 4 for both groups.*

In addition to the Summit participants, many other Londoners have indicated support for these business cases. Their signatures are enclosed with this submission.

We hope that your deliberations on the Multi-Year Budget will maintain a focus on the urgency of the combined climate and housing crises. While we acknowledge certain immediate needs, we hope that items that **lay the foundation for a thriving, green and equitable future for all Londoners** will be paramount in your choices.

*Signing on behalf of a group/organization*

Maureen Cassidy, CEO, Pillar Nonprofit Network

Lynn Brown, Council of Canadians

Joe Gansevles / Jeanette Dutot, Hutton House

Areej Riaz, EnviroMuslims

Susan Smith, Middlesex London Food Policy Council

Anna Badillo / Richie Bloomfield , Urban Roots London

Mary Ann Hodge, Climate Action London

Brendon Samuels, Bird Friendly London

Molly Miksa, London Cycle Link

Heenal Rajani, The Reimagine Institute for Community Sustainability

Andrew McClenaghan, London Bicycle Cafe

Jennifer Trampleasure, Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School - HELP Environmental Leaders Program

*Signatures continue on following pages*

*Individuals*

Patti Dalton

Shawna Lewkowitz

Christy Cook

Beth Hundey

MaryBeth Blokker

Bianca Rocha

Teresa Bell

Becca Amendola

Julia Hammer

Barb Newell

Rebecca Lahosky

Luis Patricio

Lizzie Ketchum

Sandra Miller

Carol Dyck

Jolie Gareis

Adam McPherson

Megan Williams

Chad Callander

Steve McIntyre

Karleen Sirna

Ileana Paul

Andy Kroeker

Ayla Heartsong

Renata Morrison

Susan Macphail

Laura Wall

Marianne Larsen

Ashton Forrest

Paul Seale

Lella Blumer

Kaixin Zhang

Nikolas Kuchmij

Gloria Monteith

Terry Nother

Judith Fisher

Bryn James-Cavan

Sydney Holland

Don Whitred

Susan Price

Bob Morrison

Julia Vaughan

Sandra Harle

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Victoria Overend	Anne Graham
Bernice Couto	Ruth Skinner
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Kelly Brennan	Margo Does
Alix Robinson	Janet Hurren
Jill Sabovitch	Ruth Kanu
Hailey Tallman	Jo-Elle Mazur
Marc Mazur	Kim Telford
Kaleigh Sanio	Sharon Senior
David Watson	G Servais
Mackenzie Bain	Delilah Deane Cummings
Wendy Noble	Andrew Weiss
Brad Prentice	Evan Ariel
Breena Kadwal	Nada Khalifa
Morgan Anderson	Deven Saxena
Noa Wasserman	Courtney Allen

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Pamela Reid

Isabelle Baldock

Janet Tufts

Johann Wong

Kevin Kaiser

Shelby Weaver

Terry Peters

Isaac Lima

Abby Maxwell

Gary Brown

Haris Ishtiaq

Kevin Gauci

Jill Jacobson

Allie Blokker

Peter DeGelder

Mike Woodward

Colleen McCauley

Jim Blokker

Colleen Murphy

Mayar Isso

Ali Sherazi

Landrey Evagelinos

Jake Enns

Lesley Gittings

Jennie Cameron

Inge Stahl

Lillian Naftel

Jenn Gilbert

Dave Bancroft

Hannah Starkman

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Wendy Sutherland

Leah Veenstra

Peri Ren

Pat Tripp

Debbie Fraser

Maureen Connor

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Catherine Blokker

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Keywood Roberts

Chase Nethercott

Talia Nazarian

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Jasmine McRorie

Xenia Osegueda

Carolyn Murray

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Natalie Connors

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Prachi Yadav

Ben Mitchell

Jane Holman

Nevaeh Holmstrom

Naomi Nejati

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