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Re: Remembrance Gardens 2315 River Road

It has come to our attention that City Council, at its next meeting on February 13, 2024 will consider a proposal that Civic Administration be directed to report to the Community and Protective Services Committee with respect to a potential Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Remembrance Gardens located at 2315 River Road. We have seen a proposal/motion put forward by Councillors McAlister and Ferreira.

The Ukrainian Canadian Congress, London Branch and the Ukrainian community of London also have an interest in these Gardens. The UCC London Branch and the London Ukrainian community funded the cost of a monument to honour Cpl. Filip Konowal VC., the only Ukrainian-Canadian recipient of the Victoria Cross. This monument is located in the Remembrance Gardens. Over the years, the UCC London Branch and its members have had an interest and been involved with the maintenance of this monument. Our community participated in a Commemoration Event at these Gardens last Remembrance Day.

We recognize the significant contribution made by volunteer members of the Remember November 11 Association to maintain these Gardens. While our role has been limited to this monument, it is of significant importance to our local Ukrainian community. It is important that we be involved in consideration of any Memorandum of Understanding that is being considered and that our ability to have access to the Gardens and the monument be protected.

We recognize the importance of these Gardens for the London community and the importance of honouring our Canadian veterans. It is important that our community and the general public have proper access to this important public space. We ask that our communication be brought to the attention of Council when they are considering the Memo of Understanding and that any direction given to Civic Administration include involvement of the London UCC Branch.



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If you require any additional information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours truly,

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