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City of London
London City Hall
300 Dufferin Avenue
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Attention: Chair and Members of the Civic Works Committee

Re: Request for Delegation Status – Civic Works Committee Meeting

As Middlesex Centre prepares for the final stage of the planned development (St. John Woods subdivision) as permitted in our Official Plan, we respectfully request the opportunity to review with the City of London the potential to amend the current Sanitary Service agreement between the Municipality and the City.

Future plans for Arva will focus on the retention of its historic look and feel especially in the commercial area which is anchored by the 195 year old flour mill. The working mill, the Medway Creek and the architecture of homes and businesses, located in the heart of the village, illustrate the quaintness and peaceful ambiance that has existed since the establishment of the settlement. Future growth will complement what now exists.

Arva will experience expanded development and growth. As you are aware sanitary service may be provided to the new units either by an amendment to the existing agreement with the City or, as outlined as option three in the Master Servicing Study completed by the Municipality of Middlesex Centre (March 2010), the construction of a new waste water treatment facility which would discharge into the Medway Creek. Negotiating a mutually beneficial amendment with the City remains the priority option for the Municipality and hence the reason for this request to open discussions.

The City of London and the Municipality of Middlesex Centre are good neighbours and shared boundaries equate to shared concerns and ultimately shared resources whenever and wherever possible. When cooperation makes sense – it must be considered. The Provincial Policy Statement encourages coordination amongst municipalities when considering growth related issues, including waste water treatment, transportation and impacts on public health and the environment. Reviewing the planned growth in Arva and the agreement currently allocating available capacity in London's waste water treatment system is an example of positive reciprocal governing.



The current Sanitary Service agreement's capacity limit must be increased in order to ensure the potential rise in demand is accurately predicted and the City adequately compensated. Herein lies the reason for the Municipality's request to open amendment agreement discussions.

It is imperative both municipal jurisdictions can definitively say all efforts were made to determine the best outcome and make best use of taxpayer resources and investment. Previous presentations have outlined the opportunities and considerations for both municipalities.

City staff have identified the benefits an amendment will provide to the City (September 27, 2010 Report)

- Servicing requirements to support the proposed growth in Arva CAN be accommodated within the City's system and will generate revenue
- This is the best environmental option as it removes any need for the construction and operation of a new waste water treatment facility that would discharge into the Medway Creek and
- It provides the City with a degree of control over the rate of growth in the Arva settlement.

This option provides revenue to the City of London as the cost of the service is negotiated in the agreement and is borne entirely by the Municipality.

Benefits to Middlesex Centre include

- An environmentally and financially sound solution for the treatment of waste water for the remaining planned growth in Arva.
- An amended agreement removes the need to plan for the construction of a waste water treatment facility that would discharge into the Medway Creek.
- Establishes a pro-active solution in preparation for waste water servicing that will ultimately be necessary

We look forward to meeting with the Committee members and discussing the benefits of amending the current agreement and answering any questions they may have.

Regards,


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Mayor