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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Multi-Year Budget 2024-2027 Concerns

To the administration of the London Ontario Budget Committee,

My name is James Hannay, I am a resident of London Ontario.

I have a few concerns about the drafted Multi-Year Budget for 2024-2027 for the City of London.

- No funding is given to expansion of transit routes outside of the miniscule expansion of bus rapid transit. This does not make the city more accessible or more sustainable. There is zero growth in conventional transit for the city.
- Funding is being cut from the London Public Library, which operates as rare public spaces where people can access knowledge and crucial resources. The London Public Library is also facing numerous infrastructure issues in their buildings that must be addressed.
- I would also like to see a deferred vote on the London Police Services budget. In a budget "squeeze", I am sad to see that the LPS is getting away with increasing its asks. This includes the outrageous line item of an "armoured vehicle"
- These line items for the LPS could be reduced, theoretically. I would like to see funding go to the "Hubs" and community organizations. There was no mention of "harm reduction" or "harm prevention" in the LPS's argument for a budget increase, which is worrisome in the midst of a crisis of homelessness and mental health issues.
- I am also sad to see less money going towards the UTRCA. They do crucial work, and cutting their funding is, arguably, not very "green".

I would like to see these concerns addressed in the upcoming vote and deliberations on the budget.

Best,

James Hannay