

# London Development Institute

November 22, 2013

City of London  
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Attn.: Bud Polhill, Chair and Members of the Planning and Environment Committee (PEC)

**Re: PEC Agenda Item #17, November 26, 2013, Planning Fee Increase**

Chair and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for referring the Planning Fee Increase Item back to Staff for further consultation with the industry. We met with the planners on Friday November 15<sup>th</sup> to express the concerns of the LDI, LHBA and LAPCS with the report.

We have reviewed the revised report and we agree to work with staff on future updates to planning fees as suggested.

One point we would make is that the graphs on Page 5 of the report need to show the split between the local municipal charges and the regional charges in the total fees. The higher fees in the municipalities with regional government reflect the need for duplication of the work associated with processing applications.

One advantage for London being a single tier municipality is the reduced cost for processing planning applications and other fees and charges associated with being part of a regional government system.

We are partners in the development of the City and we commit to working with staff to review future planning fee increases and other matters that affect the viability of the City.

Sincerely,

**London Development Institute**



**Jim Kennedy**  
**President, LDI**

cc LDI Members  
cc John Fleming, City Planner