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To the Clerk of the City of London Ontario,

I am writing to formally resign from my position on the Integrated Transportation Community Advisory Committee (ITCAC). This resignation is in direct protest of the City Council's decision to dissolve the ITCAC at the end of its current term.

I am deeply troubled by the process used to eliminate an Advisory Committee, whose primary Term of Reference is to provide advice and guidance on Transportation & Mobility issues and policies in this city at a time when the most crucial public mobility policy, the Master Mobility Plan, is still in development and far from complete.

The manner in which it was handled reflects a stunning lack of respect for the significant personal time and effort that ITCAC members invest attending public meetings, subcommittee meetings, and preparing for these meetings which is in the many hundreds of person-hours. For ITCAC members, these are unpaid volunteer hours, and yet our contributions were unceremoniously dismissed without acknowledgment or appreciation.

Furthermore, the debate at SPPC around the effectiveness of Community Advisory Committees is particularly disheartening given the fact that our feedback on various issues, most notably on the MMP, has been consistently ignored. It has been clear to me for some time now that Council views this Advisory Committee as a road block to be removed as opposed to a valued resource to be consulted and that we no longer have the confidence of the Council (if we ever did).

And so it is with regret that I take this step to leave before the end of my term, whilst at the same time feeling it to be necessary to uphold the honour of my colleagues past and present and the principles of genuine public engagement and accountability.

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