

January 28, 2025

The Clerk of the City of London
London, Ontario

I am hereby tendering my formal resignation from the Integrated Transportation Community Advisory Committee (ITCAC) effective immediately. This is in direct protest to City Council's cavalier treatment of ITCAC's advice and guidance – that incidentally is ITCAC's mandate based on its Term of Reference (TOR) – on Transportation matters, and the dissolution of ITCAC, which came without warning or prior consultation.

The sudden dissolution of ITCAC displays an utter lack of respect for the time, effort, and expense of us members who serve on a voluntary basis. We sacrifice our personal and family time to attend monthly and public meetings, sub-committee meetings, and do research and investigations on issues regarding transportation and public safety.

Furthermore, it is not as if ITCAC lacks expertise and experience. There are two (2) Professional Engineers – one of whom is a retired professor in Mechanical Engineering at Western, and the other a retired Mechanical Engineer with many years of experience in transportation, logistics, corporate governance, defense and food manufacturing- a Project Management professional retired from Canada Post after many years of service, a former director of the London Transit Commission, a doctoral student of transportation and traffic at Western, and a former traffic specialist at the London Police Service. This is a formidable team with experience and expertise that apparently was not good enough to serve as a Community Advisory Committee on Transportation for the City of London and is being dissolved by the Council without so much as an acknowledgment or appreciation for the hundreds of personal-hours we have expended gratis et amore.

One would think that something as important and as vital as the MMP would be open to all. Nevertheless, the public, including ITCAC, is frequently reminded that while they are open to the public, and ITCAC's, inputs, the MMP Team, and the Council, make the final decision on what MMP should look like.

I find it pointless and a waste of time to continue serving in a community advisory committee that has been castrated for all intents and purposes, and a lame duck advisory group, so it is best that I step down before the end of my term.

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