

January 16, 2014

Mayor Joe Fontana and Members of City Council  
City of London

Dear Mayor Fontana and Councillors:

On behalf of Western University, I wish to strongly support the City staff plan to carry out an Environmental Assessment of Western Road, Sarnia Road and Phillip Aziz Avenue in the boundary around Western's campus. I sincerely hope this can be made part of the 2014 City budget.

Because of residential and business growth in the north-west quadrant of London, because of Western University's continued growth and hence attraction of more students and employees, and with the use of our campus as a regular thorough fare there is a growing and notable increase in traffic around and through Western's campus.

We understand this proposed Environmental Assessment would consider road and infrastructure improvements along Western Road from a new proposed Huron/Springett intersection all the way to Sarnia Road, intersection improvements at Sarnia and Western Road, road, curb and sidewalk improvements along Phillip Aziz Avenue and improvements to Sarnia Road.

We are advised that the Sarnia and Western Road intersection is one of the busiest in London for vehicular traffic; it is also one heavily used by pedestrians (a vast proportion of who are Western students). We have concerns about safety at this intersection and welcome plans for its improvement.

Phillip Aziz Avenue has no sidewalks and is a narrow two-lane road bordered by steep banks on both sides; posing obvious concerns for safety for the public and for Western's community. Manhole covers on this road burst regularly during storms, causing our Campus Police to close it during these periods for obvious safety reasons.

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I urge the City to move forward with the proposed Environmental Assessment in 2014 and applaud the City staff initiative to move this forward.

Sincerely,

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