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Presentation : To Strategic Priorities and Policy
Committee

Preliminary Feedback on London Plan

Time: 6:40 pm

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THE LONDON PLAN

(para. 53)

What is the City Structure Plan?

“If you were to think of the city as a human body”
Please note having used the body as the way to explain where we have been and where our growth will be you have started with the “the bones”!

CRITICAL TO THE SUCCESS OF A LONDON PLAN IS TO .
START AT THE VERY BEGINNING:

THE BRAIN TRUST

The brain trust is in fact the administration and politicians from the beginning of London that built our body!

The brain directs the heart and everything else in the body; therefore I present you the following life lineage of London:

(a) 1) Blank Sheet - London day 1

Or today if you wanted the best city in the world; the greatest forest city, the greatest people attractor, the best for all people whether seniors, rich or poor; homeless , housing for affordable or the wealthiest,

(b) Use the blank sheet and design a perfect London!

Reality is you have to grow based on the brain trust legacies and you can't hold the masses responsible to provide for the special interests.

(c) 2) the natural progression from Toronto west to the USA . Everybody west of Toronto along 401 corridor is building big empty warehouses; it will happen but is on a road not a skipping rope!

3) What the brain trust has done:

(d) Route map 1895

(e) Route map 1953

(f) Route map 1962

(g) Route map 2014 (you provide)

(h) 4) Summary of some of what administration section of brain trust has done

(g) 5) Summary of some of what political section of brain trust has done

NOW let's assess the heart!

A healthy heart is one that functions at capacity is not overworked and doesn't grow larger in size.

The Parker report on downtown master plan was narrow in focus you now ask us to include S.O.H.O., Horton Street Hydro, Richmond Row, Old East London, Arts Theater with credits; subsidies and bonuses. Your plans are not compatible they are competitive; each in their own (map attach.) (h)

The feet cannot be forced to go where they don't want

to. You should visit Kiwanis Park and see the cattle fence to force where people walk; see the path that goes their way!

Today I give you 7 recommendations; noting in my opinion you haven't discussed the future in reality the public dialogue has been a process of cheerleading the 2-way discussions have never occurred.

The brain trust must face reality with a vision of making it better for us. The brain trust has the ultimate authority and if they don't work together the lessons of the past will not have been teachable moments (refer para. #25 & 8 directions)

Recommendations:

- 1) Whatever the final legal document all citizens should be advised of possible impact on their present status (no surprises)
- 2) Legal Council be directed to provide clear and concise direction on challenges to The London Plan Noting first time saw report was May 22. (refer 3 parts to plan attached) (i+j)
- 3) Address the issue of intensification applying to area inside current city limits including the exempted component of commercial, educational and manufacturing.
- 4) Staff provide a complete listing of all the projects in the hopper and how the London Plan will affect them. Example is upper end condos / apartments

downtown, Centennial Hall, Sifton, S.O.H.O, Horton St., Rodgers, Health Dept.,etc. and how affordable housing fits into all such projects.

5) Finance Dept. demonstrate how financial realistic is it to identify growth in a cost efficient and orderly fashion. (para. #55).

6) Would you identify how this plan will improve the east part of the city that gave you the manufacturing hub for almost 100 years. (may is not an answer).

7) London could be the central hub of western Ontario; would you explain a) how you will achieve this if the communities don't buy in and b) during this process can you quantify the dollars to London provided by surrounding areas; noting they should not be seen as competition but seen as partners.

In conclusion I leave you with this; you can have all the visions of grandeur you wish but nothing will change if you don't fix "The brain trust". Personally I Thought London as a place for people working together to improve their lot; however it appears not. What I see "In the Hopper" is a "body" to do everything as if it had silos rather than a body that looks after its' essential needs first!

In closing I would point out "The brain trust" role doesn't change and we cannot make it. Strategy section is their control to do as they have done to date!

Footnote:

You each have a package. The contents should be recognized especially from the past eight years where you have chosen to have one sided discussions never to discuss but to treat me as a statistic. You should rename the front section from a strategy to the **ROLE OF THE BRAIN TRUST** and how it gets better!

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BEGINS

WAYBACK
BEFORE
OUR
TIME

BLANK SHEET.

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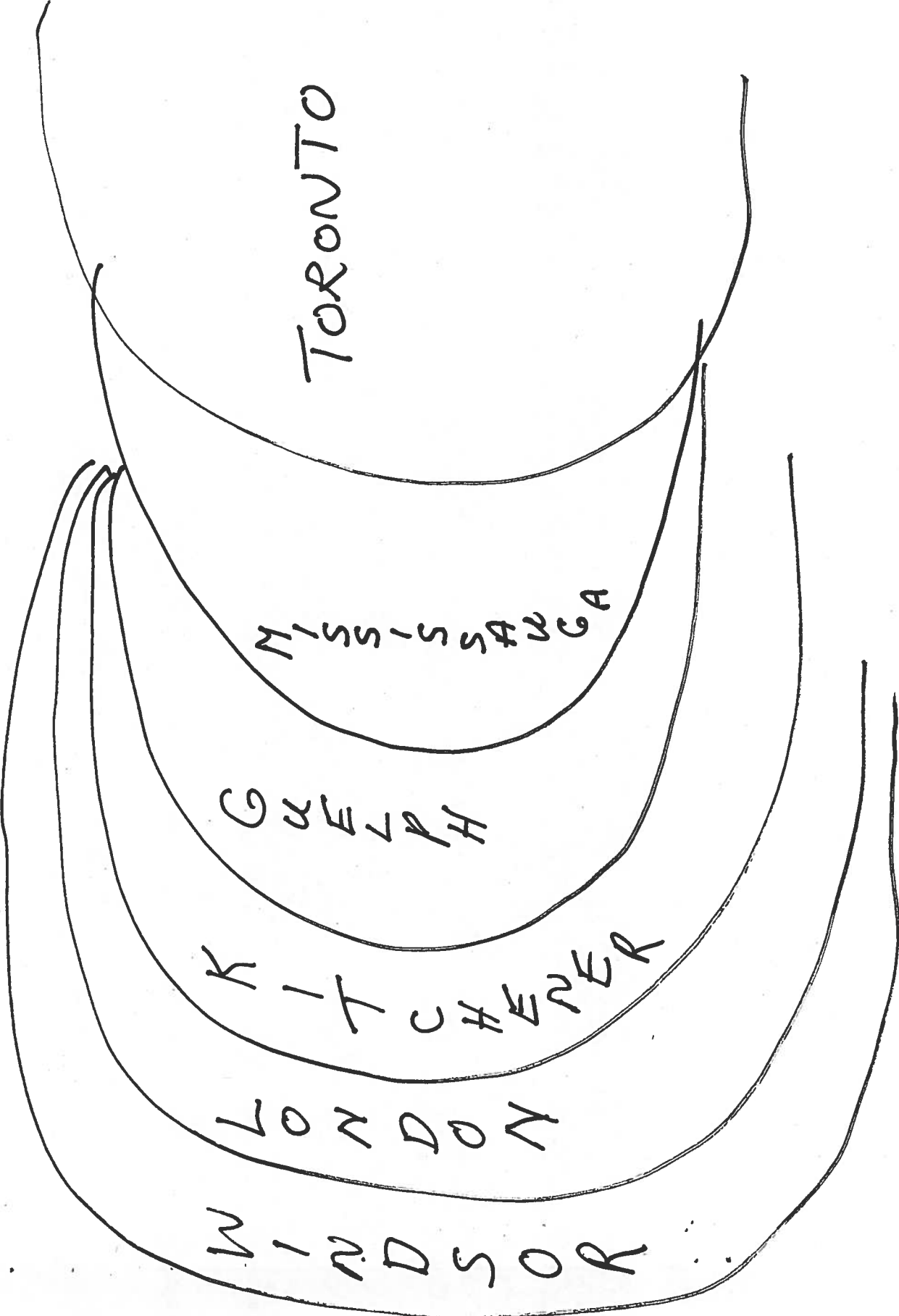
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MAKE THE BEST
CITY IN THE
WORLD

REALITY DOESN'T MAKE
THIS POSSIBLE

LONDON CAN'T/
DO THIS.

NATURAL GROWTH

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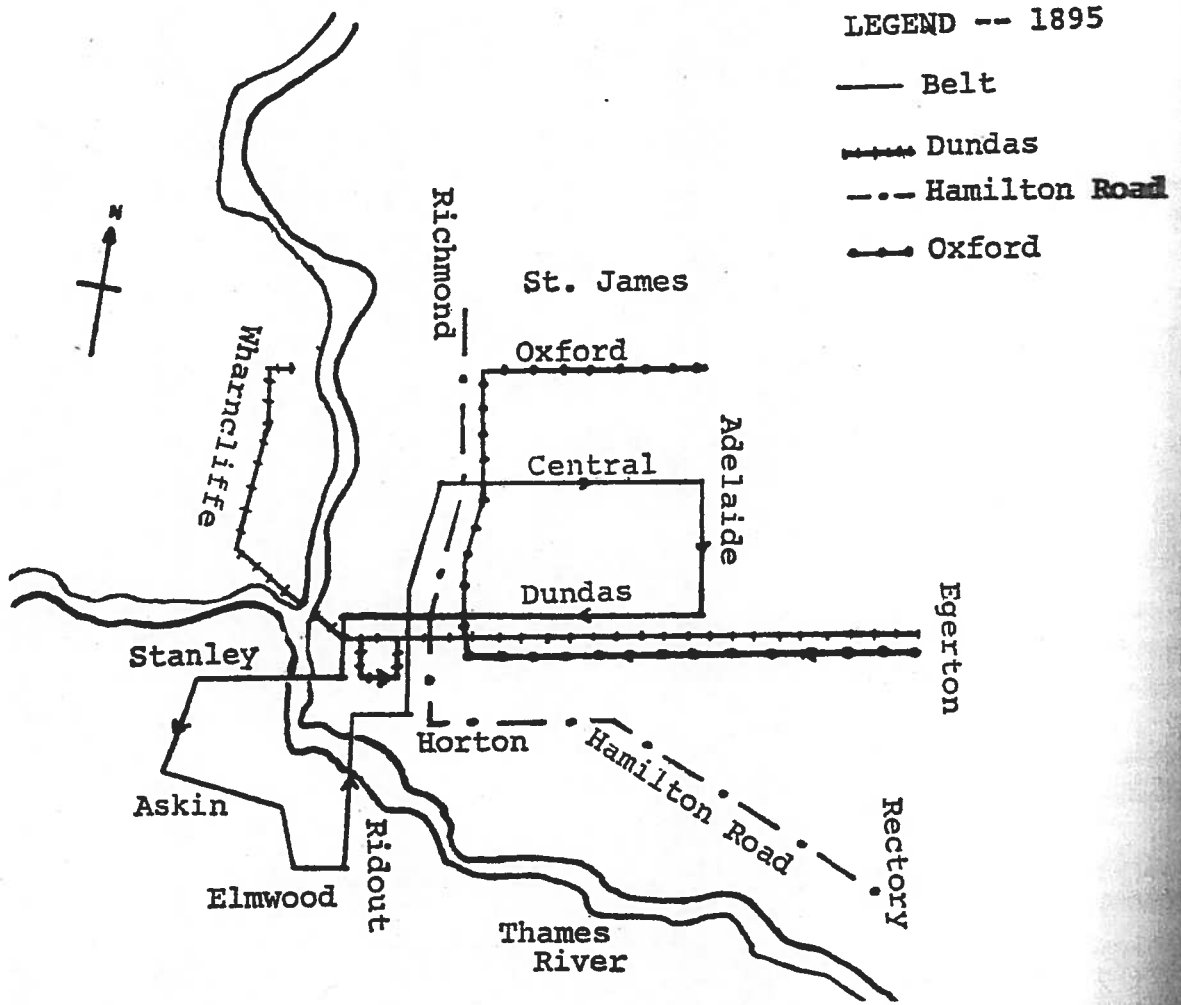
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Route Map 1895

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Route Map 1953

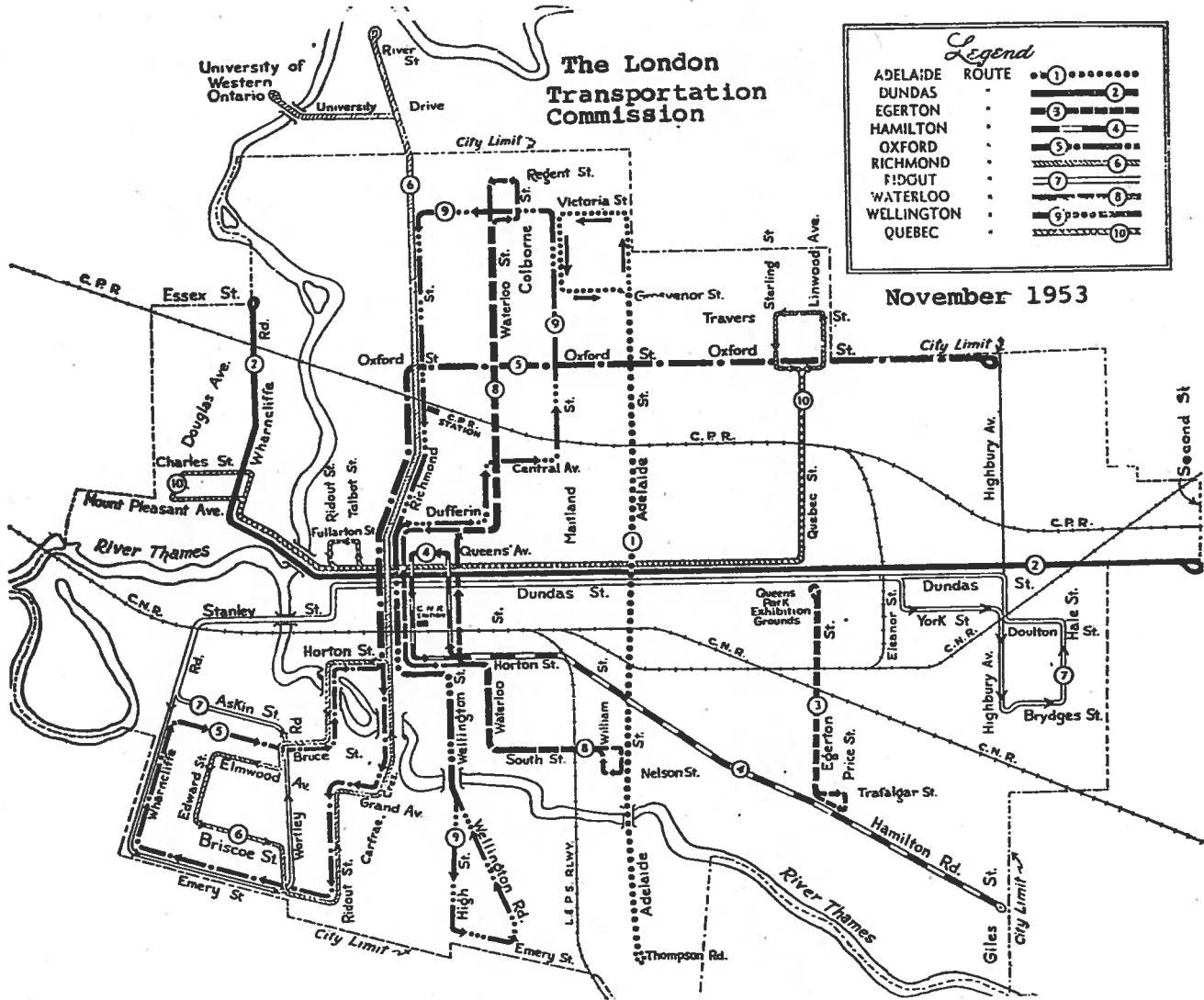
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The London
Transportation
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Legend

ROUTE	Symbol
ADELAIDE	① ———— ①
DUNDAS	② ———— ②
EGERTON	③ ———— ③
HAMILTON	④ ———— ④
OXFORD	⑤ ———— ⑤
RICHMOND	⑥ ———— ⑥
FIDDUT	⑦ ———— ⑦
WATERLOO	⑧ ———— ⑧
WELLINGTON	⑨ ———— ⑨
QUEBEC	⑩ ———— ⑩

November 1953



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Map - 1
main 1

**MAP OF
THE CITY OF LONDON
Oct. 9th, 1962**

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2014
CITY OF
LONDON
MAP

(You Provide)

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The London Plan * Administration / Experts background

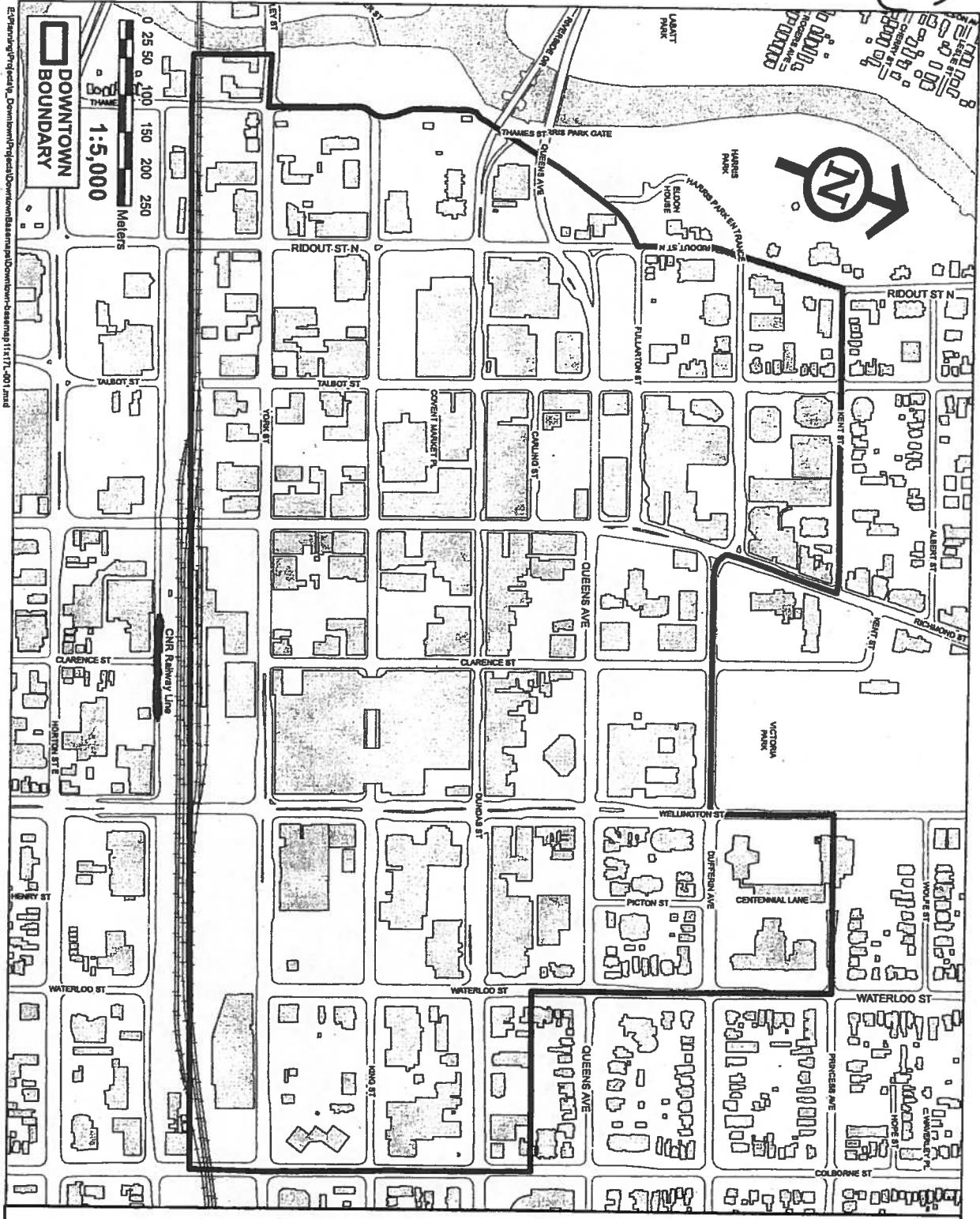
- . Sink hole at Dundas & Wellington aging structure
- . Citizen engagement task force couldn't deal with accountability of Councilors
- . Draft master downtown plan costs City Council (not us)
- . Failure of Springbank dam (not needed for flood control)
- . Failure of Water reservoir on Highbury Ave.
- . Railway lines for transit passed it's time
- . Need to plan city for 1 million people
- . Historical tree be cut down; destroyed by contractor
- . Don't have to talk to School Board; on our property
- . Publicly attacked integrity of School Board & staff
- . Secret deal at Sunningdale & Adelaide advantage
- . Tragedy at Dearness Home
- . Burying of circle blade on Brydges street, (1 Million \$)
- . Use of reserve funds to cover shortfalls in dept. budgets
- . Silo approach to protecting their budgets
- . Approach here is what is going to be done (list comments / no discussions)
- . Expert advise to Councilors not complete
- . Apartment on Springbank Drive (9 years)
- . Conflict with Wortley Village & Coves
- . Presentation to safety advisory committee about rear entrance yard safety - grannies can look out
- . Safety advisory committee on downtown safety ignored
- . Business downtown no; need student disposable income

THE PAST IS A LESSON - CAN'T IGNORE

The London Plan *Politician Background

- . Former Mayor sink hole at Dundas & Wellington caused by failure of new valve
- . New Councilor shocked and surprised when asked about reducing budgets to ZERO and build from there; keep separate & 0 percent increase (Note this year Council boasted about and praised this action by Dr. Mackie of Health dept.)
- . The killer bees; Fontana 8 and the group of 10 that plotted the demise of Board of Control regardless of debate
- . The Councilor who said “ You should never make up your mind until you have heard all the facts”
- . The Councilor who said if you had something of value to say I am sure the task force would listen, provided him information he had for at least 2 months
- . The Councilor who said if you meet the warrants you get; not so with community centers
- . Council that spent several meetings determining the entrance to a building of a private business (Waterloo & Oxford)
- . Council that approved renovations estimated at \$180,000 for main floor which was short on rationale and completeness
- . Councilor that announced money was no object when it came to the Normal school (estimated debenture for next 10years one million \$ followed by a decision not to put up 1\$ towards Lorne Ave. (see para. # 492; 7 & 8 of draft London Plan)
- . Council is adding several more areas to C. Parker Master downtown plan than draft plan covered.
- . October 31, 2012 London Free Press downtown draft master plan ignores safety
- . Council uses process for input because of required process; history shows the conversation is one way unless you are Chamber; urban league; Labor Council
- . Council is inconsistent on public input which supports the claim the 5 minutes is the rule rather than ensuring a person is able to complete their statement, time the rule not the discussion.

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BASIS FOR PLAN

- AGE FRIENDLY LONDON
- HOMELESS + PREU, HOUSING
- STRENGTHENING NEIGHBOURHOODS
- SOUTHWEST PLAN
- S.O. H.O

↳ DOWNTOWN MASTER PLAN

• TRANSPORTATION

* ENVIRONMENTAL

• HERITAGE

• URBAN / RURAL

• CIVIC INFRASTRUCTURE

* NATURAL HARARDS / RESOURCES

STAFF SUMMARISE TO COVER ALL OF BASE

[PARA. 96 + 97]

THE LONDON PLAN (OFFICIAL PLAN)

Recommendation #3

Reference Para: #96 + 97

BYLAWS TO COME

FINAL PRODUCT What can be challenged?

What Are We Trying to Achieve?

95_ Our city building policies will set the framework for how we will grow, and the shape, character and form of our city in 2035. These policies establish clear direction for our own projects, as well as those initiated by others.

How Are We Going to Achieve This?

96_ These foundational policies must be read in conjunction with the other policies of the Plan. All plans, guidelines, planning and development applications, public projects, public works and by-laws shall conform with these policies.

97_ The city building policies that follow address:

- Growth Management
- City Design
- Urban Regeneration
- Mobility
- Natural Heritage
- Natural Hazards
- Natural Resources
- Urban Forest
- Parks and Recreation
- Public Facilities and Services
- Civic Infrastructure
- Homelessness Prevention and Housing
- Cultural Heritage
- The Culturally Rich and Diverse City
- Smart City
- Food Systems
- Green City

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WHY?
LONDON

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WINDSOR

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