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| TO: | CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 23, 2014 |
| FROM: | GRANT HOPCROFT, DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND COMMUNITY LIAISON |
| SUBJECT: | PRE-BUDGET SUBMISSION TO THE FEDERAL STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE |

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| RECOMMENDATION |
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That, on the recommendation of the Director of Intergovernmental and Community Liaison, the attached pre-budget submission to the Federal Minister of Finance, our local MPs, and the Federal Standing Committee on Finance **BE SUPPORTED**.

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| PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER |
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The following resolutions were used as the basis for the City's Federal Pre-budget Submission:

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In December 2013, Council endorsed the Industrial Land Development Strategy as one of its top federal infrastructure requests.

Bus Rapid Transit

Municipal Council, at its session held October 22, 2013 resolved:

“working in conjunction with the London Transit Commission, the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to make immediate representation to the Provincial and Federal governments with respect to London’s Bus Rapid Transit Strategy with the objective of gaining approval and commitment for investment in London’s Bus Rapid Transit Strategy”

Transportation Gap

Municipal Council, at its session held October 22, 2013 resolved:

“that the Government of Canada BE REQUESTED to enable additional revenue tools for municipalities to fund transportation and transit infrastructure over and above existing funding programs”

High Speed Rail

Municipal Council, at its session held on May 20, 2014 resolved:

“all Parties in the Provincial Legislature and the Government of Canada BE ENCOURAGED to support finalizing the business case and the beginning of an environmental assessment for implementation of High Speed Rail in the London, Kitchener Waterloo, Pearson Airport, Toronto corridor; it being noted that The Corporation of the City of London reaffirms its support for High Speed Rail serving the City of London; and, Therefore be it further resolved that this resolution BE CIRCULATED to the Premier, the Prime Minister, Provincial and Federal Opposition Party Leaders”

Affordable Housing

Municipal Council, at its meeting held on November 19, 2013 resolved:

“that the Municipal Council of the City of London endorses the FCM housing campaign and urges the Minister of Employment and Social Development to develop a long-term plan for housing that puts core investments on solid ground, increases predictability, protects Canadians from the planned expiry of \$1.7 billion in social housing agreements and ensures a healthy stock of affordable rental housing for Canadians”

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| BACKGROUND |
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At the invitation of the Standing Committee on Finance any interested individuals or organizations were provided the opportunity to prepare a pre-budget submission in advance of the federal government’s budget in 2015. The deadline for submissions was August 6th, 2014.

Submissions were encouraged to address the following themes as proposed by the Standing Committee:

- Balancing the federal budget to ensure fiscal sustainability and economic growth
- Supporting families and helping vulnerable Canadians by focusing on health, education and training
- Increasing the competitiveness of Canadian businesses through research, development, innovation and commercialization
- Ensuring prosperous and secure communities, including through support for infrastructure
- Improving Canada’s taxation and regulatory regimes
- Maximizing the number and types of jobs for Canadians.

The City’s submission built on the Council approved positions related to the Industrial Land Development Strategy, transportation funding, affordable housing programs and support for community-wide research collaborations to foster economic development.

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