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<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS PLANNING &amp; ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>JOHN M. FLEMING MANAGING DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND CITY PLANNER</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>INFORMATION REPORT A STATISTICAL PORTRAIT OF LONDON –COMMUNITY &amp; NEIGHBOURHOOD PROFILES  MEETING ON OCTOBER 7, 2014</b>

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Planning & City Planner, the following report **BE RECEIVED** for information.

<b>PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER</b>
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August 23, 2010      “A Statistical Portrait of London’s Neighbourhoods.” Information Report  
Planning & Environment Committee

<b>BACKGROUND</b>
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Following the 2011 Census and National Household Survey (NHS) the City in consultation with Statistics Canada purchased a customised run of these data disaggregated by the City’s 42 Planning Districts and the downtown area. This dataset was then compiled with historical data from the 1996, 2001 and 2006 censuses by staff from the Planning Division to produce updated community and neighbourhood profiles. As part of this project, Census and NHS data is geo-coded and archived in the Planning Division’s GIS system and is utilized to inform other internal/external research studies, growth studies and projections, operational monitoring efforts, MPMP/OMBI reporting as well as being shared with a wide range of other internal and community partners.

The City uses Planning District boundaries –first established in the 1971 Official Plan- as the geographic basis for providing detailed local level demographic and socio-economic information in a user-friendly manner. The use of Planning District boundaries at the neighbourhood scale provides for a consistent unit of measurement over time as is critical to facilitate comparisons as the City’s population base grows and changes over time.

Through the coming months, staff from the Planning Division will continue to update the community and neighbourhood profiles with new data releases, enhanced graphics and interpretations along with making such information available on the City of London’s publicly accessible website.

Additional information and staff support is also available from Planning Services.

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**Highlights at a Glance:**

- According to the 2011 Census, London’s official population reached 366,151, reflecting an annualized growth rate of 0.88%, or roughly 30,000 new residents over the previous decade.
- The City of London now ranks as the 15<sup>th</sup> most populous municipality in Canada and the 6<sup>th</sup> most populous within the province of Ontario.
- Slightly over half of all households (51%) in the Forest City reside in single detached houses; however, the number of Londoners living in high-rise developments has increased significantly as well, up 12% over the last decade.
- Home ownership within the city continues to increase with about 63% of occupied dwellings reported as owner occupied.
- Growth trends within the city are variable and some of the fastest growing neighbourhoods in London include: Fox Hollow (Northwest), Talbot (Southwest), Hyde Park (Northwest), Fanshawe (Northeast) and the Downtown (Central City).
- Although the City’s overall population is increasing, this growth is not experienced uniformly across all age cohorts:
  - Since 2001 the under 19 year demographic shrunk by 3% or 2,600 persons.
  - Conversely, the number of Londoners 65+ increased by 9,880 or 23%.
- The City of London continues to be a culturally and linguistically diverse community with Londoners reporting to speak over 48 different languages and backgrounds from 150 distinct ethno-cultural communities.

<b>CONCLUSION</b>
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The Statistical Portrait of the London community and its various neighbourhoods provides a valuable resource for the City and various external users to better understand and respond to emerging socio-economic trends impacting the residents of London. These portraits reflect a snapshot of the many faces that make-up the London community, and helps us understand the similarities and differences that exist, and how these change over time.

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