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Attn: Cathy Saunders, City Clerk

Dear Ms Saunders:

RE: Request to address November 4<sup>th</sup> Corporate Service Committee Meeting

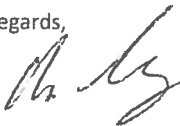
I am writing to request that you allow me time to speak at the upcoming Corporate Service Committee Meeting on November 4<sup>th</sup> to discuss items of concern related to the agreement between the Corporation of the City of London and The Fanshawe College of Applied Arts and Technology, specifically amendments made to the agreement on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014.

As I have been canvassing the city as a Mayoral candidate over the past few weeks, many people have expressed their concerns about one or more of these issues, concerns I share:

- This deal was pushed through council with lightning speed and very little public consideration;
- The city has already given Fanshawe \$20 million for a downtown campus;
- The original agreement has been amended several times since 2011, to reduce the number of students, full-time staff and square footage required and yet cost estimates continue to climb;
- When the first vote for an extra \$10 million failed, the LDBA manipulated the political process in a potentially illegal manner to force a second vote;
- The Mayor has stated publicly that Fanshawe will be eligible for a development charge credit. This necessarily requires complete demolition, so not even the original façade will be preserved;
- Downtown London is a designated Heritage District but Fanshawe will be permitted to tear down one of the few remaining art deco buildings with little or no public input. How could this happen?;
- If the destruction of this landmark did not arouse opposition from London's heritage preservation constituency inside City Hall, can we expect a rash of demolition permits for old downtown buildings?;
- The demolition and construction will require bus re-routing for at least two years hurting London Transit and its customers as well as the downtown merchants who will suffer from road closures and detours;
- Critics of the deal have been accused of not wanting Fanshawe downtown because this was touted as the only option that would guarantee they would locate in the core. This is untrue and misleading;
- There were other downtown options that could have saved Fanshawe up to \$21 million and not required the city to provide any more grants for this project. Why were they not publicly discussed?;
- The contention that the \$10 million grant will come from a reserve fund and this will not cost taxpayers anything is inaccurate and misleading. All the money will come from the taxpayers;
- By law, construction cannot proceed without new internal snow load supports for surrounding structures, millions in public money spent to improve private property.

I will be asking the Committee to put these concerns before the public and council and put a hold on any further actions until such time as the concerns of the public, including but not limited to those expressed above, have been comprehensively and satisfactorily addressed.

Regards,



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