

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF FEBRUARY 6, 2012
FROM:	GRANT HOPCROFT, DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND COMMUNITY LIAISON
SUBJECT:	ANNUAL PRE-BUDGET SUBMISSION TO THE PROVINCIAL STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Intergovernmental and Community Liaison, the attached annual pre-budget submission to the Ontario Minister of Finance, our local MPPs, and the Ontario Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs **BE SUPPORTED**, it being noted that Civic Administration will continue to refine the content to reflect any new information and emerging issues that arise prior to the submission deadlines.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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December 15, 2010 – Finance and Administration Committee – 2011 Provincial Pre-Budget Submission

BACKGROUND

At the invitation of the Minister of Finance and the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs, the City of London and other Ontario municipalities and organizations, are provided with the opportunity to prepare a pre-budget submission in advance of the provincial government's budget in 2012.

The themes and issues in the draft 2012 London pre-budget submission are similar to those raised last year, and reflect the current economic realities with a renewed emphasis on improving London's economy. It also includes recommendations of no-cost policy changes that the province could make that would provide significant savings for London and its taxpayers, minimize regulations, and reduce inefficiencies.

The City of London will apply for an opportunity to make an oral presentation to the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs. While these consultations are normally held in late January of every year, this year the consultations are delayed until late February or March.

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