

London Development Institute

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By Email

Chairman and Members
Planning and Environment Committee
City of London
300 Dufferin Avenue
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**Re: 2012 - 2016 Growth Management Implementation Strategy (GMIS),
Agenda Item 18, February 6, 2012**

Dear Committee Members:

The LDI is supportive of the objective to provide efficiencies in the delivery of infrastructure projects based on current and projected market conditions as well as the Development Charge (DC) revenues being generated by growth. We acknowledge that certain projects can be delayed at this time which will not cause any undue hardship in the market place for the provision of additional lots to meet the current market demand.

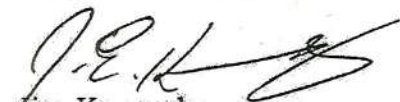
We submit that there are additional opportunities for cost savings that could be realized through further examination of the projects in the GMIS schedule. These savings could be accomplished by setting a provision that construction of a work in advance of draft plan approval, especially if it serves no other lands, is premature. Fox Hollow SWMF #1 is an example that could be deferred one or two years without affecting the project.

Given the timing it takes to reach draft plan approval, with no commitment the development will proceed, there will be time to design and build the facilities once the commitment to build has been given by the owner.

In the future, criteria need to be established with the industry to form the basis of the analysis in a clear and transparent manor for the yearly GMIS update to determine the timing of projects in the GMIS schedule and the approval for construction of works.

Sincerely,

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