

<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON OCTOBER 6, 2015</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>KATE GRAHAM DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC INNOVATION</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>2015 FEDERAL ELECTION QUESTIONNAIRE</b>

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That, on the recommendation of the Director, Community and Economic Innovation, this report on the 2015 Federal Election Questionnaire, **BE RECEIVED** for information.

<b>PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER</b>
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- Finance and Administration Committee – May 4, 2011 – 2011 Federal Election Candidate Questionnaire Responses
- Finance and Administration Committee – March 30, 2011 – 2011 Federal Election Candidate Questionnaire
- Board of Control Report – October 8, 2008 – Federal Election Candidate Questionnaire Responses
- Board of Control Report – September 10, 2008 – 2008 Federal Election Candidate Questionnaire
- Board of Control, November 22, 2006 – Federal By-Election Candidate Questionnaire Responses
- Board of Control – November 1, 2006 – Federal By-Election Candidate Questionnaire
- Board of Control – January 18, 2006 – Federal Election Candidate Questionnaire Responses
- City Council Report – December 19, 2005 – Federal Election Candidate Questionnaire
- Board of Control – December 14, 2005 – Federal Election Candidate Questionnaire
- Corporate Services Committee – August 25, 2015 – 2015 Federal Election

<b>BACKGROUND</b>
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As resolved by Council at its meeting on September 1, 2015, Mayor Brown forwarded a letter to all candidates in the each of the four London ridings in the 2015 Federal General Election for a written response to a questionnaire on municipal issues. The final questionnaire, which was revised, according to Council direction, is attached in Appendix A.

The purpose of the questionnaire is to provide Council, and the general public with a sense of the views of all candidates on issues of relevance to the City of London.

The questionnaire is on the website at [www.london.ca/fedelection](http://www.london.ca/fedelection). Responses are being posted as they are received. At the time of writing this report, four responses have been received and more are expected next week. The questionnaire is being promoted through on the City banner, in the City of London E-Newsletter, advertisements in *The Londoner* and through social media.

Candidate responses will also be kept on file as background materials for future discussion with London's area Members of Parliament following the election.

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## **Appendix A**

### **2015 Federal Election Candidate Questionnaire – City of London**

#### **Background**

As the 2015 Federal Election approaches, there are many issues on the minds of Canadians – many of which are vitally important to London's future prosperity and to the well-being of its residents. Growing London's economy, investing in infrastructure (specifically rapid transit), maintaining and enhancing affordable housing programs, and supporting the City's efforts in responding and adapting to climate change are just some of the issues that warrant thoughtful consideration. None of these issues can be effectively addressed without cooperation between the federal, provincial, and municipal governments. And we need this cooperation to help build a strong, prosperous, competitive, and sustainable London.

For general background on election issues with municipal significance, see [The Federation of Canadian Municipalities \(FCM\) 2015 Federal Election Platform](#).

#### **Local Jobs and Growth**

1. How will you and your Party commit to strengthening the regional economy of Southwest Ontario and specifically the London area?
2. What are you and your Party prepared to do to support and enhance dedicated funding for municipal infrastructure programs in London?
3. Will you and your Party support dedicated funding for municipal public transit projects, in particular, London's Rapid Transit initiative?

For background on local jobs and growth, see the [2015 City of London Federal Pre-Budget Submission](#), [FCM on the New Building Canada Fund](#), the [FCM Budget 2015 Submission](#), and [Shift: London's Rapid Transit Initiative](#).

#### **Livable Communities**

1. Will you and your Party maintain Canada's existing federal affordable housing programs and agreements and build on programs that provide housing support and reduce homelessness in London?

For background on livable communities, see [FCM's Built to Last: Strengthening the Foundations of Housing in Canada](#) and [The City of London's Housing Briefing Note](#).

#### **Safe Cities and Communities**

1. Will you and your Party support London's efforts in ensuring a safe community through the development of a new approach to fund new investments in emergency response and disaster mitigation?

For background information on safe cities and communities, see [The City of London Emergency Response Plan](#) and [FCM's Policy Statement on Community Safety and Crime Prevention](#) (specifically points 3 & 4).

### **Environmentally Sustainable Cities and Communities**

1. How will you and your Party ensure that London's environmental sustainability efforts in responding and adapting to climate change are supported?

For background information on environmentally sustainable cities and communities, see [Paying the Price: The Economic Impact of Climate Change](#) and [The City of London's Community Energy Action Plan](#).

### **Global Municipal Connections**

1. How will you and your Party involve the City of London as a partner to advance its municipal engagement in the international arena?
2. What other actions will you and your Party take to strengthen the competitiveness, prosperity, and quality of life of the city of London?

For background information on global municipal connections, see [The LEDC 2015-18 Strategic Plan](#) and [The City of London's International Involvement Briefing Note](#).

### **Federal Involvement**

1. What will you and your Party do to expand and enhance the role that municipalities such as London play in the Canadian federation?

For background information on federal involvement, see: [Canada's Cities. Canada's Future](#).