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Congratulations to:

Tanya Park
Jesse Helmer and
Stephen Turner.






On Your New Appointment!

Chair Phil Squire
Paul Hubert





On Your Re-Election!


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The people of London appreciate your service in making London into a First Class City.

As you are likely aware the County of Middlesex Municipality owns the Land Historically know as "Courthouse Block".

The County of Middlesex would like to remove the Middlesex-London Health Centre located at 50 King Street and build 28-Storey Building




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In October 2014 all 15 Council Members (including Mayor at the time) turn down a Zoning Request for a 30-Storey Building with the following comment.

*"the application by the Corporation of the County of Middlesex relating to the property located at 50 King Street BE REFERRED back to Civic Administration for further review and work and **discussion with the area residents and the applicant**, and to incorporate additional details into the application, with a report back at a future meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee".*

The County of Middlesex did not have any discussions with the residents, and we would like to know why this did not happen, as this was the direction from the previous Council.

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October 2014 Request	2015 Request
30-Stories Mixed-use building that would include:	28-Storey Mixed-use building that which would include:
200 residential dwelling units;	152 residential units (approximately)
4,500 sq. metres of commercial/retail	2,160m2 of commercial/retail space
16,000 sq. metres of office space;	10,125m2 of office space.
375 parking spaces	188 parking space

TV/Radio Interview on December 9th 2015, Bill Rayburn CAO Middlesex County is quoted as saying, **"We are not clear yet what the final building would look like, and that will not be done until we know who our partners are..."**

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October 2014 Request **2015 Request**

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LACH is Still Waiting for Heritage Impact Assessment
(PAGE 9 on Planning Recommendation)

"The London Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH) reviewed and received a Notice dated June 18, 2014, from B. Turcotte, Senior Planner, with respect to an application submitted by The Corporation of the County of Middlesex relating to the property located at 50 King Street. **The LACH expressed concern about the impact of the proposed amendment on Heritage buildings within and surrounding the site**, recognizing that the site falls within the Downtown Heritage Conservation District and near the Forks of the Thames; **it being noted that the LACH looks forward to receiving the Heritage Impact Assessment for this area**".

We are wondering why the London Planning Dept allowed the County to submit another similar request without providing a Heritage Impact Assessment as this is still outstanding from the last request.

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The Courthouse is a Priority 1 Heritage Building

Priority 1 – buildings are London's most important heritage structures and merit designation under Part IV (Section 29) of the Ontario Heritage Act. This group includes not only landmark buildings and buildings in pristine condition, but also lesser known structures with major architectural/historical significance.

There are a few of Priority 1 Heritage, however clearly this is the most important

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The Courthouse (1827) was Designed by Architech John Ewart

Other Projects include:

- i) 1818 – Parliament building for Upper Canada at York
- ii) 1824 – Courthouse and jail for the Home District (Quebec)
- iii) 1824 – Oversaw the building of the Parliament Buildings
- iv) 1829 – Osgoode Hall (Home of the Ontario Court of Appeals)

(ALL THESE BUILDINGS HAVE RESTICTIONS OF WHAT CAN BE BUILT AROUND THEM)

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Back to the River


<http://www.lfpres.com/2015/11/02/denver-based-firm-named-winner-of-londons-back-to-the-river-competition>

<http://backtotheriver.ca/>

<http://www.lfpres.com/2015/10/22/five-design-teams-presented-their-plans-for-the-thames-river-area>



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Public Parks in the Immediate Area Include:

Ivey Park
 The Children's Waterpark
 Walter J. Blackburn Memorial Fountain (\$450,000 Donation)
 The Forks of the Thames Beautification Project
 Labour Memorial Park
 The Canadian Heritage River System
 Harris Park
 The City Bike Path


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Comments from Leadership

Mayor Matt Brown
 "We can do better, we need reinvest in our riverfront we need to imagine what it can be"

Martha Power - London Foundation President
 "Then have done study that shows for every \$1 invested in the River Revitalization there's a \$30 spin off.

"This isn't something that is going on a shelf, this is going to happen"

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What we are asking is:

- 1) That the Planning Committee uses their leadership and turned down the zoning request, and acknowledge the current zoning is sufficient, and should not be changed.
- 2) The Back to the River project has the Support of the Thames Valley Conservation Area, London Community Foundation and the City of London. We ask the Planning Committee to recognize the amount of work and investment has been put into this project, and provide the necessary support to ensure success.