

<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF DECEMBER 15, 2015</b>
	<b>KATE GRAHAM, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC INNOVATION</b>
<b>SUBJECT</b>	<b>STANDING COMMITTEE MEETINGS WITH MPS AND MPPS</b>

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That, on the recommendation of the Director of Community and Economic Innovation, the following actions be taken with respect to Standing Committee meetings with Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs):

- a) Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to organize an annual meeting with local Members of Parliament (MPs) and the Corporate Services Committee; and
- b) Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to organize an annual meeting with local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and the Corporate Services Committee.

<b>PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER</b>
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None.

<b>BACKGROUND</b>
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Building strong relationships between London City Council and London's federal and provincial elected representatives is critical to the success of the community, by ensuring that all elected officials have shared information about London's needs and priorities.

One of the ways that the City of London builds strong relationships with Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament is through regular meetings. For many years, the Corporate Services Committee (and its predecessor, the Finance and Administration Committee) held regular formal meetings with the four local Members of Parliament and the four local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) to discuss issues of municipal concern. The meetings offered an opportunity to discuss significant issues such as infrastructure, transit, housing, and other areas of common interest. Agenda items were frequently referred by the Corporate Services Committee.

No formal meetings were held in 2014, in part due to election cycles and scheduling challenges. However, informal meetings and periodic dialogue involving the Mayor, Councillors, and local MPs and MPPs continued during this time.

This report recommends that regular meetings with local MPs and MPPs resume in 2016. It is proposed that formal meetings with the Corporate Services Committee would be organized once a year. The meetings would provide an opportunity for two-way dialogue and information on priority issues, such as the federal or provincial budget, major projects requiring federal or provincial investment, significant policy issues affecting the municipality, or other issues as identified by the Corporate Services Committee.

If this approach is adopted by Council, Civic Administration recommends that the next formal meeting take place in early 2016 with a municipal focus on Rapid Transit.

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