



January 28, 2016

Chair and Members
Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee
City of London
300 Dufferin Avenue
London, ON

Re: Environmental Assessment – Thames River

Please accept this letter in support of an extended environmental assessment for the Thames River to include the Springbank Park Dam.

Downtown London works to improve the core area that represents the heart of our city. We are fortunate to be home to a number of residents and businesses. The quality of our neighbourhood, and its amenities, are of great importance to our constituents.

The Thames River is a huge asset to our City and more specifically to London's downtown. It's the backyard of our residents and will play a very important role in our enhanced business recruitment program.

Our organization fully supports an environmental assessment of this asset and we believe it should be expanded to include the dam to understand the effects of a functioning dam to the ecology of the river and how it relates to the Back to the River project. Without this EA and its subsequent expansion, the implementation of the approved Back to the River project will not be possible.

We believe that we should have all of the facts and that all interested parties be included. An expanded EA will provide this.

Sincerely,

Downtown London

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Janette MacDonald,
CEO and General Manager
Downtown London

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Gerald Gallacher
Chair, London Downtown Business Association

Cc: Civic Works Committee