



January 28, 2016,

Chair and Members of the Planning and Environment Committee,

Municipality of the City of London,
300 Dufferin Avenue,
London , ON
N6A 4L9

Dear Councillor Squire,

Re: Evaluation of Community Improvement Plan Incentives Report:

I am contacting you on behalf of the Old East Village Business Improvement Area Board with respect to the "Evaluation of Community Improvement Plan Incentives" report to be presented to the Planning and Environment Committee on February 1, 2016.

The Old East Village BIA understands that a rigorous public engagement process will be implemented with respect to the report's recommendations. We also understand and appreciate that our organization will be invited to participate in this process. Nevertheless, we would like to provide early comment on the report's recommendations.

We are impressed with the innovation expressed in the possible new incentives programs to be considered and pleased to note new or extended CIP programs for other parts of the city. However, we are concerned about the proposed scaling back of the Residential Development Charges Rebate Grant Program Development. We would also like to note the continuing need for the other incentives contained within the Old East Village Community Improvement Programs.

Although significant renewal is occurring in the Old East Village CIP area, the timing and impact of the changes to the Residential Development Charges Rebate Grant Program from 2017 onwards would constitute a serious threat to further large scale residential and economic development in this part of the city.

We look forward to the opportunity to provide input to the creation of a CIP Incentives package that will support the further economic development of the Old East Village and other parts of London.

Kindest Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. Drangova", written in a cursive style.

Maria Drangova
Chair,
Old East Village BIA
c.c Councillor J. Helmer
Councillor P. Hubert
Councillor T. Park

Councillor S. Turner