

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION MEETING COMMENTS

3. 2016-2019 Multi-Year Budget – Public Participation

- Janette MacDonald, CEO and General Manager, Downtown London – providing the attached presentation.
- Murray Hamilton, St. Vincent De Paul Society London Council – providing the attached information.
- Mike Laliberte and Jacqueline Thompson, Co-Chairs, London Community Advocates Network – in addition to the written submission on the public agenda, concurring with Mr. Hamilton's presentation and noting concern with the timing of the Mayor's Advisory Panel on Poverty recommendations being after the finalization of the multi-year budget.
- Diane Szoller, Member at Large, Advisory Committee on the Environment – providing the attached presentation and noting the priority projects and areas of concern with the multi-year budget, as per the written submission included on the public agenda.
- Dennis Pellarin – providing the attached presentation.
- Sandy Levin, Chair, Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee – providing the attached presentation including several recommendations, some of which have no budget impact.
- Wes Kinghorn, President, Urban League of London - providing the attached presentation.
- Lindsee Perkins, Vice President External, Western University, Student Body – representing ~~about~~ approximately 30,000 students, focusing her comments on the student experience; noting support for transformational projects and indicating support for the presentation of Ms. McDonald; suggesting that the downtown is an area where a lot of students live; advising rapid transit allows for the exploration of the City by students; and noting appreciation for the investment and future investments in these areas.
- Sarah Merritt, Manager; Jen Pastorius, Manager; Maria Dranova, Board Chair; and Michael Clark, Senior Researcher, Old East Village BIA and Old East Village Economic Development Corporation – providing the attached presentation and noting that improved parking lots in the area will increase parking revenues, and encourage future growth.
- Evan Wiebe, Ward 13 Youth Councillor and Kyle Sholes, Western University Youth Councillor, London Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) – advising that their budget submission is from the whole LYAC; noting priorities of investing with police and developing relationships, suggesting more regular, casual interactions; requesting engagement funding from Assessment growth, noting a need for increased consistent engagement; requesting more community consultation related to the rapid transit initiative, particularly with those residents who do not reside on the proposed lines; noting that they are not sure the whole community supports the proposed hybrid, and believe other options should continue to be considered; requesting investment in youth spaces – community hubs are required; advising that some existing facilities are inaccessible; noting a need for outreach with young people, and suggesting a dedicated portion of Sparks funding to youth projects; noting the LYAC fully endorses the proposed funding to improve the Forks of the Thames and the Back to the River project, but advising that consideration needs to be given to the quality of the water and First Nations, and requesting that the Springbank Dam should be decommissioned.
- Colin Foster, Executive Director, London Community Players, Palace Theatre – noting that they are very happy that municipal parking lot #1 still exists, but advising that there is a need to further improve this lot; advising that the purchase of the theatre and the growth of the Players has resulted in many improvements and programming continues to grow; they are currently active approximately 250 nights per year and see the consistent use of the parking lot, but there has been significant negative feedback about the property and many patrons revert to street-parking; imploring the Council to make improvements.
- Dean Sheppard, ReForest London – providing the attached presentation and requesting additional funds to move forward on the modest targets of the plan noting that this initiative is cheaper and easier if started sooner.
- D. Mitchell, 660 William Street, Chair of Cycling Advisory Committee (CAC) – noting the CAC is a relatively new committee and this is their first full-term; advising that the new bicycle master plan is not scheduled to be complete until

June, outside this budget consultation process and suggesting that there be funds available in the future; suggesting that the following items be considered priorities: completion of the Thames Valley Corridor trail, a cycle track in downtown core (implications in the SHIFT process), steps/actions to encourage more cycling to the core – ie. bicycle parking facilities, a bicycle lane between Fanshawe and Western, assurance that there is a focus on cycling in the my Dundas design; noting the CAC would like to see the launch of the bicycle master plan in this year; requesting continued support (in kind) of the bicycle festival and suggesting the addition of a summer student cycling Ambassador program.

- Ryan Ciaciek, Student at UWO, 139 Pine Lawn Ave. – noting that he is a community member involved in social movements here to request that council act in their role as human beings; suggesting that the political process is dead, as is policing and the institution should be done away with and the budget reallocated to better projects for humanity; noting a need for better social programming, advising that we can do something different and appealing to the dignity that resides in us.
- Shawna Lewkowitz, Chair, London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC) – noting that the LDRRAC has made a written budget submission and taking the opportunity to thank Council for the inclusion of advisory committees in the budget process; suggesting a better introduction to the very large budget document and future engagement strategies that increase staff involvement, and better timeline would be beneficial.