

**For the Council Orders-of-the-Day, Tues. Mar. 22, 2016**

His Worship the Mayor Matt Brown  
and Members of City Council  
The Corporation of the City of London  
C/O City Clerk Cathy Saunders

**Re: Civic Works Committee recommendation regarding the Municipal Environmental Assessment (EA) for the costly and unnecessary Springbank Dam**

I urge City Council to **reject** the 4-2 recommendation from committee regarding the proposed "One River" combined EA for the Springbank Dam and the Back-to-the-River project.

Instead, I urge City Council to undertake an **EA in order to decommission** the costly and unnecessary Springbank Dam without further delay.

Alternatively, if Council chooses to undertake an EA in order to consider the costly repair and nonsensical reactivation of the river-killing Springbank Dam, it should be a separate, distinct and stand-alone EA for the dam given the significant differences in the dam and Back-to-the-River projects, including the unique scientific nature and scope of the numerous environmental issues involved with the archaic, seasonal dam.

In this regard, please see the Executive Summary of the 2015 report, ***Springbank Reservoir Reptiles-At-Risk Study (2015): Documentation and Study of Species-At-Risk Reptiles Along the Former Springbank Dam Reservoir*** by Scott Gillingwater, Species-at-Risk Biologist with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, which clearly shows the negative impacts of a working Springbank Dam on important aquatic and terrestrial wildlife within the river's ecosystem.

Sincerely,

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