



March 9th 2016

Mayor Matt Brown and Council Members
The City of London
c/o City Hall
300 Dufferin Avenue P.O. Box 5035
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Dear Mayor Brown and Members of Council:

Re: Chamber supports the Commissioning of an Environmental Assessment on the Dam

The repair and/or decommissioning of the Springbank Dam has divided Council and the citizens of London like few other issues in recent memory.

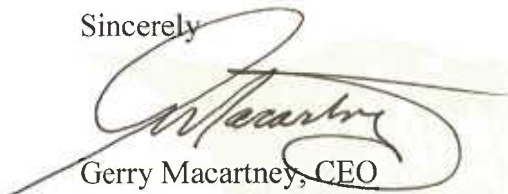
The London Chamber of Commerce (Chamber) has watched closely and continues to monitor the various viewpoints and positions of organizations, individuals and columnists each of whom have had their own unique perspectives on the issue.

And, while the Chamber would very much like to weigh in and add its own voice to the issue with a definitive position one way or the other, the fact is we cannot.

As any responsible corporation would do, when matters of this magnitude arise we believe the best approach to resolving this issue, is to gather all of the pertinent data and facts, then determine the various pros and cons of the issue, test public opinion on the options and then articulate the best possible approach towards a balanced resolution.

In light of that, we believe the only reasonable approach going forward is to commission a complete and thorough environmental assessment that can best guide us towards finding that balanced resolution. Then and only then can we, City Council and all Londoners make the best possible decision for the River, the Dam, the environment and importantly – the economy.

Sincerely



Gerry Macartney, CEO
London Chamber of Commerce

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