

Dear City Clerk & Staff:

Please include this note as a submission to the Springbank dam issue.

Anna & Michael both responded to the note I sent to them as they are the 2 councillors of the areas where we own properties & have enjoyed the Thames river & trails our whole life long.

Thank you--Roseann & Carl Branston

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**From:** Carl

**Sent:** February 17, 2016 5:31 PM

**To:** [ahopkins@london.ca](mailto:ahopkins@london.ca); [mvanholst@london.ca](mailto:mvanholst@london.ca)

**Subject:** Lifelong Londoners Springbank Bam Input.

Dear Anna & Michael:

We are life long Londoners who have lived at both ends of the Thames River as it meanders through the city & still maintain properties in your ridings.1180 Commissioners Rd. W. & 234 Manitoulin Dr.

Our perspectives on what should happen regarding the Springbank dam come from our personal observations of the river quality & listening to scientific conclusions of others.

We have been members of the canoe club & watched & smelled the deterioration of the river quality when the dam was functioning.

To describe it as a 'cesspool' is an understatement. Although we stored our canoe at the club facility; we transported it to sites such as Pond Mills; along the Thames near Delaware etc.; where we could enjoy a much cleaner & healthier section of water.

We now live in Fairmont subdivision ;closer to grandkids; & enjoy the Pottersburg Creek & Thames River trails nearby.

As we make monthly checks at our rented condo we have noticed a steadily improving Thames River as we walk along the dam site. Much cleaner & no stench.

Alternate sites for both the canoe folk & the rowing club are already in place. t Fanshawe; rowers have access to a well developed training site with viewing stands & lanes for competition.

The present river condition is the way the Thames should look ; smell and be left.

What a positive change from the river condition of a few years ago when the dam was in place.

The best thing to happen is to let the Thames River flow as nature intended.

Leave it alone!

We are unable to attend the upcoming city hall meetings but are keenly interested in the outcomes. We also welcome any questions or further input we could contribute either by email or phone calls.

Yours Sincerely Roseann & Carl Branston