April 10, 2016

Chair and Members of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

Re: Mayor's Advisory Panel on Poverty

The Mayor's Advisory Panel on Poverty recently released its Final Report entitled "London for All: A Road Map to End Poverty" which contained a number of recommendations to address barriers to those living in poverty. In response to the above-noted Report, I wish to bring forward the following recommendation for consideration:

"The Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to consult with the administration of the London Transit Commission (LTC) and report back to a future meeting of the Community and Protective Services Committee on the feasibility of undertaking the following processes:

- a) the provision of free transit on the LTC for all children of 12 years of age and younger; and
- b) as an alternative to, or in addition to a) above, the provision of free transit on LTC for all children 13 years of age or younger, which reflects the general maximum age of children enrolled in elementary school;

it being understood the report back shall include information from the City of London and the London Transit Commission (LTC) with respect to the sources of financing for both options a) and b) noted above; it being further understood that the Civic Administration will consult with the LTC, the London District Catholic School Board and the Thames Valley District School Board and their staff; it being noted that these Boards have been advised of this communication."

Respectfully submitted,

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