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TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 26TH, 2011
FROM:	JOHN V. LUCAS, P. ENG. ACTING DIRECTOR, ROADS & TRANSPORTATION
SUBJECT	UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO STUDENT UNION LATE NIGHT SHUTTLE SERVICE

RECOMMENDATION

That on the recommendation of the Acting Director of Roads & Transportation, the following actions be taken with respect to facilitating the use of existing bus stops on the east side of Richmond Street between York Street and Oxford Street East for a proposed late night (midnight to 3:00am) shuttle service that is to be operated Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays:

- (a) the attached proposed by-law (Appendix "A") **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on October 3, 2011 for the purpose of amending the Traffic and Parking By-law (P.S. 111); and
- (b) the Civic Administration **BE AUTHORIZED** to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with the above by-law amendment.

BACKGROUND

The University of Western Ontario (UWO) Student Union has approached City Staff with a plan to operate a late night shuttle service for UWO students from London's downtown to campus and other student residence locations. Although the service could operate under existing by-laws, safety could be enhanced with revisions to the Traffic & Parking By-law that would allow the limited use of London Transit Commission (LTC) transit stop locations.

Discussion:

Service Description

The proposed service will be provided on two routes (see attached maps) during early morning hours (12 a.m. to 3 a.m.) on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. The Student Union is contracting with a private operator who will use six 20 passenger buses operating at eight minute intervals.

The service is intended to be one way only, loading students at LTC bus stops located on the east side of Richmond Street between York Street and Oxford Street. Drop off locations will be on UWO property and at student residence nodes located along Richmond Street, Sarnia Road, Wonderland Road and Proudfoot Lane. The service will not be used to transport students from these areas to downtown.

London Police Services has been made aware of and are in support of this late night shuttle service. LTC does not have any concerns about the service or use of its bus stops.

This type of service has been used very successfully in other college/university cities across North America either through the use of local or contracted transit services. This initiative is supported by the Town and Gown Association of Ontario.

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By-law Implications

The City's Traffic and Parking By-law allows for the loading and unloading of passengers in a No Parking Zone, but does not allow a person to remain there for other reasons.

The current City of London By-law PS-111 controls LTC bus stops with no parking regulations set out in Schedule 12 of the By-law, which states:

No Parking At Bus/Paratransit Stops (Schedule 3)

12. *When authorized signs are erected and are on display, which signs are hereby authorized, no person other than those persons operating a bus of the London Transit Commission shall park or stop a vehicle to load or unload passengers or merchandise on any of the streets set out in Column 1 in Schedule 3 of this by-law, the side or sides of streets set out in Column 2 thereof, between the streets or parts thereof set out in column 3 thereof, which areas are hereby designated as bus stops.*

Without by-law changes, the service could stop to pick up passengers at any No Parking zone. This could lead to frequent and unorganized stops by the service and concerns about road and pedestrian safety. To mitigate this concern, it is proposed to amend No Parking Bus/Paratransit Stops (Section 12) to include wording in the last paragraph that would allow a limited use of Bus Stops for loading passengers. The suggested added wording is:

“Subsection (1) does not apply to:

- (a) the east side of Richmond Street between York Street and Oxford Street East, between the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.”

This change allows use of the Bus Stops during a limited time period and along a specific corridor to stop and load passengers.

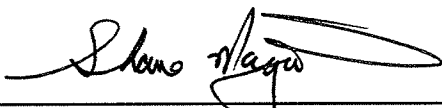
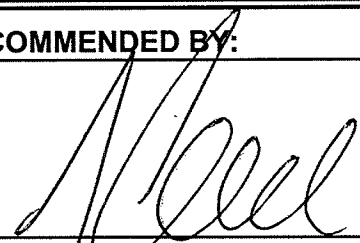
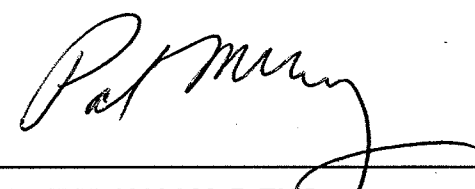
Summary:

1. The University of Western Ontario Student Union will be operating a late night shuttle service to transport students from the London Downtown to student residence locations on and off campus. This service will provide a safe and organized system for UWO students to return to their residences/apartments.
2. A By-law amendment is recommended to allow the use of LTC bus stops from 12 a.m. to 3 a.m., three nights weekly for the purpose of stopping and loading passengers only on the east side of Richmond Street from York Street to Oxford Street East.
3. The amendment is intended to address safety concerns associated with unorganized and/or frequent stops to load passengers in No Parking zones downtown.

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September 9, 2011/AC
 Attach: Appendix "A": Proposed Traffic By-Law Amendments
 Appendix "B": Proposed Late Night Shuttle Route Maps
 cc. City Solicitor's Office
 J. Braam, City Engineer

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APPENDIX "A"
BY-LAW TO AMEND THE TRAFFIC & PARKING BY-LAW (P.S. 111)

Bill No.

By-law No. PS-111

A by-law to amend By-law PS-111 entitled, "A by-law to regulate traffic and the parking of motor vehicles in the City of London."

WHEREAS subsection 10(2) paragraph 7. of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c.25, as amended, provides that a municipality may pass by-laws to provide any service or thing that the municipality considers necessary or desirable to the public;

AND WHEREAS subsection 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. No Parking at Bus/Paratransit Stops

Section 12 of the said By-law PS-111 is hereby amended:

(a) by removing the following:

When authorized signs are erected and are on display, which signs are hereby authorized, no person other than those persons operating a bus of the London Transit Commission shall park or stop a vehicle to load or unload passengers or merchandise on any of the streets set out in Column 1 in Schedule 3 of this by-law, the side or sides of streets set out in Column 2 thereof, between the streets or parts thereof set out in column 3 thereof, which areas are hereby designated as bus stops.

(b) by inserting the following:

(1) When authorized signs are erected and are on display, which signs are hereby authorized, no person other than those persons operating a bus of the London Transit Commission shall park or stop a vehicle to load or unload passengers or merchandise on any of the streets set out in Column 1 in Schedule 3 of this by-law, the side or sides of streets set out in Column 2 thereof, between the streets or parts thereof set out in Column 3 and Column 4 thereof, which areas are hereby designated as bus stops.

(2) Subsection (1) does not apply to:

(a) the east side of Richmond Street between York Street and Oxford Street East, between the hours of 12:00 a.m. to 3:00 a.m. every Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

2. This by-law comes into force and effect on January 19, 2012.

PASSED in Open Council on October 3, 2011

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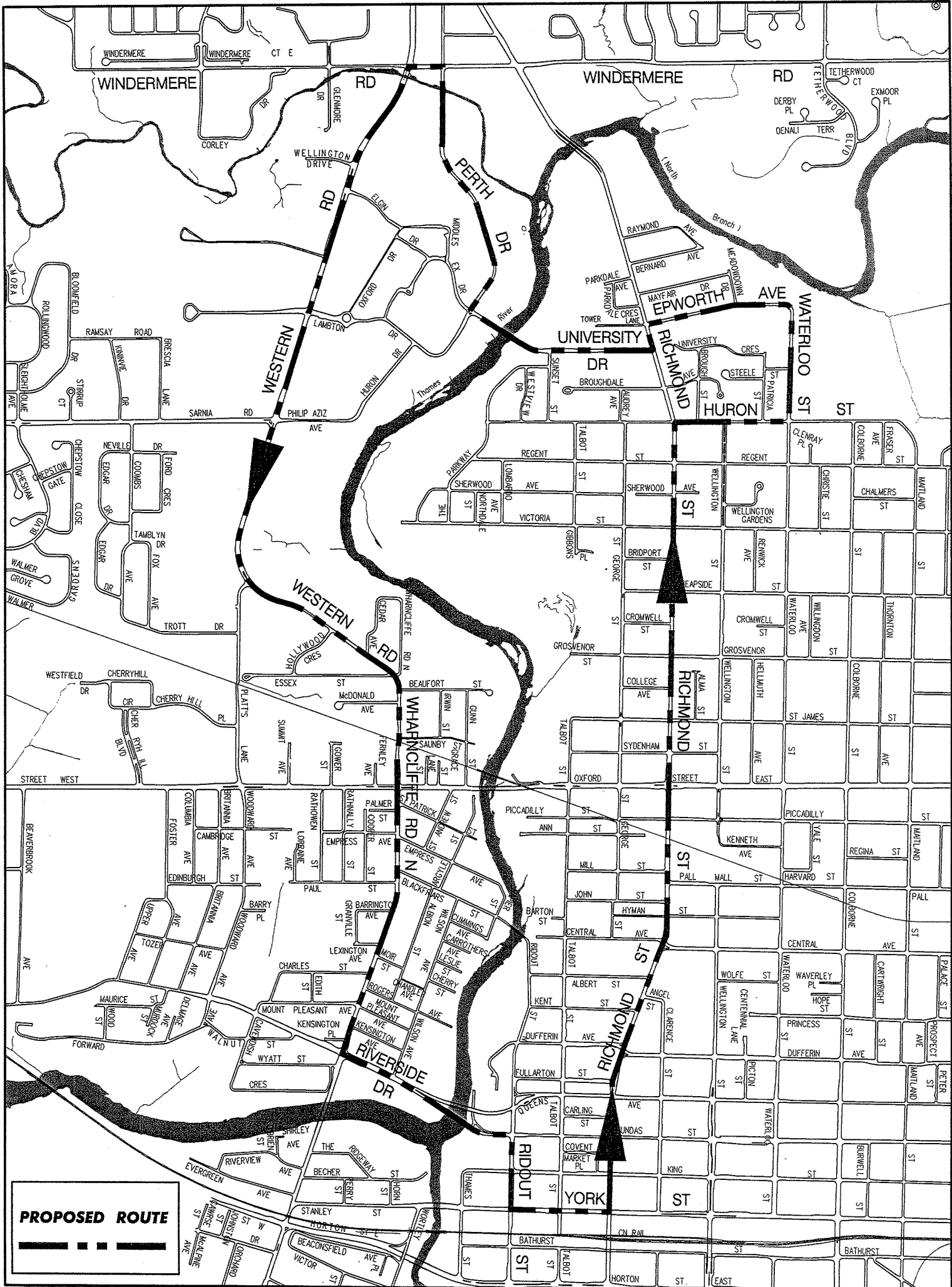
Joe Fontana
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – October 3, 2011
Second Reading – October 3, 2011
Third Reading – October 3, 2011

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APPENDIX "B"
PROPOSED LATE NIGHT SHUTTLE ROUTES
ROUTE 1



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PROPOSED LATE NIGHT SHUTTLE ROUTES ROUTE 2

