

May 6, 2016

Chair and Members  
Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

**Re: Tourism London Bid – 2018 Ontario Summer Games**

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As you are all no doubt aware, our City has established itself as a first-class sports tourism destination, having successfully hosted major sporting events such as the World Figure Skating Championships, the Ontario Winter and Summer Games, the Memorial Cup, the Ontario Senior Games, the World Transplant Games, etc. These events have given the City of London international, national and provincial recognition, benefitted the local economy, provided exciting events for sports enthusiasts (both participants and spectators alike) and, in most cases, left a legacy behind them that continues to benefit the residents of our City.

So, it is with great enthusiasm that I bring forward a request for the Municipal Council to indicate its support for a bid by Tourism London to host the 2018 Ontario Summer Games, scheduled to be held in London, August 3 – 5, 2018. It is expected that the Games will attract approximately 3,500 participants, including athletes and officials. No financial support is being sought from the City of London, however it is mandatory that Tourism London's bid include a resolution indicating the support of the Municipal Council. I would therefore respectfully request that the following motion be adopted:

“That the bid by Tourism London to host the 2018 Ontario Summer Games in London, Ontario, to be held August 3 to 5, 2018, BE SUPPORTED.”

Respectfully submitted,



Matt Brown  
Mayor