

10 May 2016

Attn:

Civic Works Committee:
Councillor J. Helmer (Chair)
Councillor M. Cassidy
Councillor A. Hopkins
Councillor J. Morgan
Councillor M. van Holst

And To Councillor Tanya Park:

Dear members of the Civic Works Committee and Councillor Park,

Attached to this letter you will find a **map** prepared by Thames River Rally (TRR) indicating **11 hot spots** along the **Thames River** requiring additional litter infrastructure, specifically **garbage bins, needle bins, and signage**.

Thames River Rally is a grassroots volunteer group that organizes monthly cleanups of the river in the City of London. The unique advantage of this group is their proximity to the problem areas on the banks of the Thames. Over the years, the group has identified hot spots along the river that see an unacceptable accumulation of plastics, needles, and other non-biodegradable litter.

Signage reminding people to not litter should also accompany the installment of new garbage and needle bins where stated on the legend of the map. This is in line with Objective #8 of the Thames Valley Corridor Plan, which states that the City will, “create signage and promote stewardship (...)” of the river (p. 3).

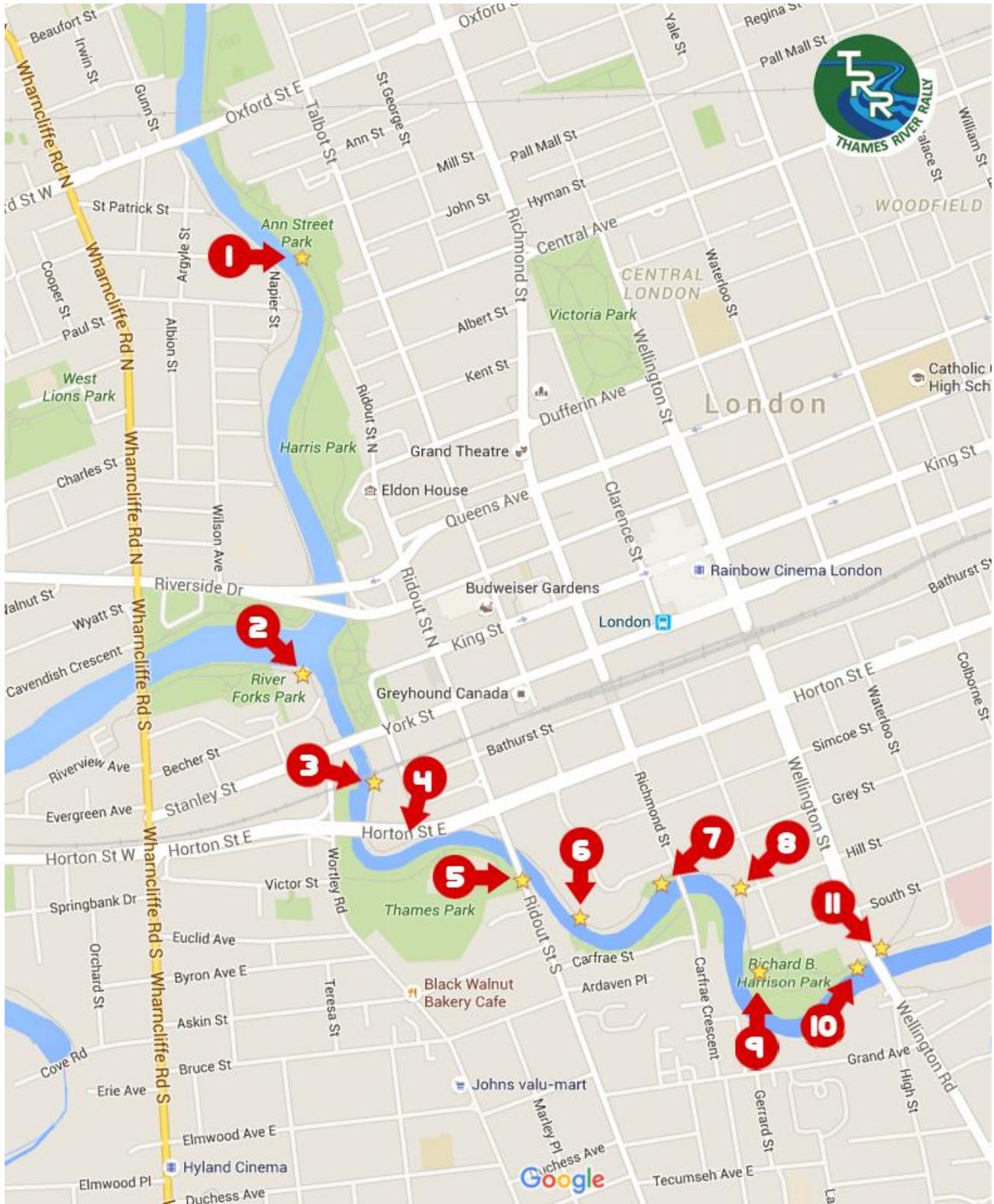
RECOMMENDATION

THAT STAFF analyze, in coordination with London CARES (where applicable), the attached map prepared by Thames River Rally, and give consideration to all the locations identified as hot spots for possible garbage bins, needle bins, and signage;

THAT STAFF organize a day to go out with members of Thames River Rally to the identified hot spots to analyze the situation on the ground;

THAT STAFF report back to this committee by Wednesday, June 8th, after having done a visit to the locations identified on the map, with their recommendations of which spots along the river should receive additional garbage and needle bins and signage as per the recommendations made in the attached map;

Suggested Locations for Garbage Cans, Signage and Needle Bins in Downtown London



Map prepared by Thames River Rally for Councillor Bill Armstrong, 2016

- 1) East side of foot bridge that spans the small stream
Garbage Can, Signage
- 2) South side of path at base of hill north of HMCS Prevost
Garbage Can, Signage, Needle Bin
- 3) Beside bike path between York Street and Horton Street bridge
Garbage Can, Signage, Needle Bin
- 4) Beside bench where bike path meets sidewalk on Horton Street
Garbage Can, Signage
- 5) Under the south end of Ridout Street bridge at Thames Park
Needle Bin
- 6) Near London Hydro's Gate 8
Garbage Can
- 7) Near bench behind Labatt's Brewery at Falls View Park
Garbage Can, Signage
- 8) Near concrete retaining wall & fencing on north side of river
Garbage Can, Needle Bin
- 9) On the dirt path closest to the river where outdoor encampment develops
Garbage Can, Needle Bin
- 10) At concrete retaining wall in Richard B. Harrison Park
Needle Bin
- 11) Near edge of bicycle path loop
Garbage Can, Signage, Needle Bin