

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF AUGUST 23, 2016
FROM:	KATE GRAHAM, DIRECTOR, COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC INNOVATION
SUBJECT:	ANNUAL MP & MPP MEETINGS

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director, Community & Economic Innovation, this report regarding upcoming Corporate Services Committee meetings with London's Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) **BE RECEIVED** for information.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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- Corporate Services Committee - December 15, 2015

BACKGROUND

Strong working relationships between federal, provincial and municipal government representatives are critical to ensuring effective representation for London. Officials from the City of London engage with officials from the Government of Canada and the Government of Ontario throughout the year, including: regular discussions on various policy issues and files; participation and submissions to annual budget processes; policy consultations; and, a variety of other formal and informal means.

In December 2015, Council directed that an annual meeting be scheduled between Council's Corporate Services Committee (CSC) and London's Members of Parliament (MPs) and Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs):

- a) Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to organize an annual meeting with local Members of Parliament (MPs) and the Corporate Services Committee; and,
- b) Civic Administration **BE DIRECTED** to organize an annual meeting with local Members of Provincial Parliament (MPPs) and the Corporate Services Committee.

Since this time, Administration has requested input on how such meetings could advance the interests of London at the federal, provincial and municipal levels. These conversations have included both internal (Civic Administration) and external (local MP and MPP staff) input. Based on this feedback, the recommended approach is to structure the meeting as a conversation about how each government is advancing the interests of London, including highlights of key initiatives, and to include time for dialogue about working together. The first meeting is scheduled to take place on September 6 with the MPPs. A date for the meeting with London's MPs is in the process of being confirmed, but is expected to occur this Fall.

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