

Dear London City Councilors,

My name is Tom Cull; my address is 119 Grand Ave London, Ontario. I am writing to you today to voice my support for the UTRCA request for an increase to its levy from the city for implementation of the Authority's Strategic Plan. The UTRCA's new plan will have an immensely positive impact on the Thames River and its watershed. The plan's proposals to improve water quality will benefit the overall health of the river's ecosystems, while helping to reduce the phosphorous loading that is threatening the water quality of Lake Erie and all those who depend upon it for drinking water.

Many Londoners (myself included) endorsed the London Plan because of its bold and visionary goal to become the greenest city in Canada. We have a long way to go to reach this goal but the UTRCA's Strategic Plan is a step in that direction. The motto for the environmental volunteer group that I founded (Thames River Rally), is "Healthy River, Strong Community." The well-being of our citizens (and our neighbors and partners downstream) is co-extensive with the health of our river. I heartily endorse this plan and I urge you to champion its cause.

I appreciate your time and thank you for your service.

Tom Cull