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City of London  
300 Dufferin Ave., P.O. Box 5035  
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**Regarding: Street Light on Hyde Park and South Carriage Roads**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Hyde Park Business Association has supported the community in its' request for a streetlight to be installed at the corner of Hyde Park and South Carriage Roads for over two years.

As such, we are requesting that this letter in support of traffic lights be included for the Civic Works Committee Meeting taking place on December 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016 supporting this motion.

Not only is this a safety concern for both motorists and pedestrians (including transit users who attempt to cross the road after embarking / disembarking) this is has been a long time ongoing community concern for over two years as highlighted in the attached petition that was signed by over 600 residents including, business owners and employees commuting and walking in the area.

The bottom line is that traffic study or not, we do not believe that the recently completed traffic study is a true reflection of this very dangerous intersection. With traffic going by in both directions at excessive speeds, most people do not even attempt to get onto Hyde Park Road from South Carriage Road as it is simply not logical to take the risk. Thereby not really reflecting the numbers that would be present under ideal conditions.

This matter is strongly supported by way of a petition that circulated throughout the community garnering over 600 signatures in just three weeks. In addition, on October 22, 2014 a "rally" was held at this corner by over 50 people to raise awareness of this situation. There were many honks in support of a streetlight. The strong voices of so many community members, and taxpayers cannot be ignored.

The Hyde Park Business Association formally began advocating for lights at this corner, along with the North Routledge / Hyde Park corner back in May 2013, well before the road widening commenced and continues to support this issue.

While the City of London Transport Planning Department has told us that traffic patterns as tested in March 2014 and again most recently, did not meet the minimum standards for a warrant as set by the Province, we question the true validity of the study. Most motorists and pedestrians avoid getting onto Hyde Park Road by way of South Carriage Road as it is impossible and dangerous – reverting to a longer, alternate route by way of Coronation over to Gainsborough. The traffic patterns that did meet the warrant for a light at this (Coronation/Gainsborough) intersection, we suggest, would have been directly impacted by this situation.

Accordingly, we understand that the only way to bypass the warrant is by way of Council support, and so we are respectfully requesting that the City of London Civic Works Committee recommend to City Council to direct staff to,

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with overwhelming public support, to immediately take steps to install a traffic light at the corner of Hyde Park and South Carriage Roads.

The will of the community remains strong for this traffic light installation, and it is only with the will of you – our respected Council Members – that this can happen.

Thank you very much for taking the time in reviewing and considering this situation that has been ongoing even with the previous Council as the Hyde Park Community (residences and businesses alike) continue to rally for what is important.

Respectfully, on Behalf the Hyde Park Business Association

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