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City of London Civic Works Committee 300 Dufferin Avenue

Dear Civic Works Committee,

It is with great enthusiasm that I contact you with today. The Forest City Road Races will be celebrating its 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on April 29-30, 2017. FCRR is the premiere running event in Southwestern Ontario, with over 2000 participants and 300 volunteers. FCRR is a 100% percent volunteer, not-for-profit corporation. The proceeds and donations from this weekend benefit over 15 local charities or more.

All major cities host a major running event, and we believe FCRR is on par with those races. You may or may not be familiar with the tradition, but these major events have the finish line painted onto the road. It symbolizes a tradition of friendly competition, community spirit, and after the tragedy in 2013 tragedy in Boston, unity.

It is our request to the City of London, that we work together to have a mutual agreement of installing a permanent finish line on the North side of Dufferin Ave, between Clarence Street and Wellington Street.

Warm regards,

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