




### Presentation Overview

- LSNS Background (2010 – 2015)
- Connection to the Strategic Plan for the City of London
- New LSNS Development Process
- LSNS (2017 – 2020)



### London Strengthening Neighbourhoods Strategy (2010 – 2015)

- Developed by a resident task force made up of over 100 residents in 2008/2009
- Included a vision for all of London's neighbourhoods, 14 elements of a strong neighbourhood, and a detailed 5 year implementation plan
- Led to programs such as the SPARKS! Neighbourhood Matching Fund, Adopt-A-Park, Neighbourhood Event Booking, Neighbourhood Safety Audit, Outdoor Movie Kit and more.
- In December, 2015, the City and community celebrated the successful completion of the original LSNS with the majority of strategies accomplished.



## LSNS and the Strategic Plan for the City of London

- LSNS significantly contributes to the “Strengthening Our Community” Area of Focus in the City’s Strategic Plan.
- Strong neighbourhoods are *vibrant, connected, and engaged* – they form the backbone of our *diverse, inclusive, and welcoming community*.
- LSNS empowers residents to work with the City to create *healthy, safe, and accessible* places.
- The focus of LSNS 2 was based on Council’s strategic direction to **support neighbourhood driven activities and decision making**



## London Strengthening Neighbourhoods Strategy Vision

Our London is a city of *Neighbourhoods*.

Our London neighbourhoods will be empowered, sustainable, safe and active communities. We will care for and celebrate each other while encouraging diversity and inclusiveness.

Our neighbourhoods will be environmentally and socially responsible and will have available green space, vibrant local economies and accessible amenities of daily life.

## Core Principles Guided this Work

- The **heart and essence of every city and community are its neighbourhoods**. Strong neighbourhoods are about people and places, and how they work together to make neighbourhoods great places to live, work, and play;
- A strategy for stronger neighbourhoods will impact **every** neighbourhood and contribute to the quality of life for **everyone**. London is stronger when **All** its neighbourhoods are stronger;
- **Residents will lead the change!** They know what is best for their neighbourhoods, and will support what they create;
- The new strategy will **build upon** LSNS (2010-2015), and the many other city-building initiatives that have taken place over the last 5 years; and,
- **Collaborative effort** will include many community stakeholders, organizations, businesses, and staff from several City of London service areas.

## Strategy Development Process

1. Engage Londoners in every neighbourhood
2. Bring together neighbourhood leaders to review results
3. Develop strategies to support neighbourhood driven activities and decision making, and explore what other cities (and London) are doing that we could build upon, scale up, etc.
4. Take draft strategies out to the community for input and feedback
5. Finalize LSNS (2017-2020) and share with Council for endorsement



## London Strengthening Neighbourhoods Strategy (2017 – 2020)



## LSNS 2

- Strategies divided into four themes
- Multiple strategies, actions and potential implementation partners are under each theme
- Strategies and actions will guide collective efforts of City staff and community partners to support neighbourhood driven activities and decision making over the next 4 years



## Theme One: Engagement in Neighbourhoods

The strategies in this theme strive to increase and strengthen the general knowledge of neighbourhood identities among residents.

- Increase awareness of resident-identified neighbourhoods;
- Encourage and support collaboration and information exchange between neighbourhood associations across the city; and,
- Support the creation and sustainability of neighbourhood associations.



## Theme Two: Communication

The strategies in this theme strive to increase and improve communication in neighbourhoods

- Improve and coordinate communication within and amongst neighbourhoods;
- Increase and improve communication between the City of London and residents; and,
- Increase and improve communication between the City of London and neighbourhood associations.



### Theme Three: Tools and Resources to Support Neighbourhoods

The strategies in this theme strive to increase and improve the tangible supports for neighbourhoods.

- Grow the SPARKS! funding program to increase its reach in neighbourhoods across London;
- Provide financial support to neighbourhood associations;
- Support the development of a virtual hub that stores a variety of tools/resources/ideas/etc. that is available for neighbourhoods to access;
- City of London continues to share physical assets such as tents, movie kits, chairs, tables, etc., to support neighbourhood events and activities;
- Explore shared assets for neighbourhood associations; and,
- Decrease barriers – rules, regulations and cost – to holding events.



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### Theme Four: Overarching Strategies

The strategies in this theme focus on broadening engagement with diverse communities, evaluation, and reporting back.

- Develop and implement a plan to broaden engagement with diverse communities;
- Evaluate London Strengthening Neighbourhoods Strategy; and,
- Report annually on progress made.



### Implementation Plan

- LSNS is a fundamentally resident-driven strategy
- Implementation will be shared by residents, neighbourhood associations, the Urban League of London, the City of London, and other networks, businesses, and organizations across the community



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