

то:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
FROM:	JOHN M. FLEMING MANAGING DIRECTOR, PLANNING AND CITY PLANNER
SUBJECT:	PLANNING SERVICES 18-24 MONTH WORK PROGRAM MEETING ON JUNE 6, 2017

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Planning and City Planner, the attached information report showing the Planning Services 18-24 month work program **BE RECEIVED.**

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

- October 5, 2015 Planning Services 2 Year Work Program
- July 18, 2011 Planning Services 12-18 Month Work Program
- November 26, 2012 Planning Services 18 Month Work Program

PURPOSE OF THIS REPORT

Planning Services has been submitting work program reports since 2011. The intent of these reports is to:

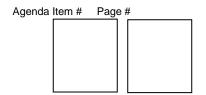
- 1. Ensure that the work program that Planning Services is completing is consistent with Council's priorities;
- 2. Allow Council the opportunity to make adjustments to Planning Services work program priorities and timelines where they so wish;
- 3. Allow for the management of community expectations and requests relating to planning projects.

Municipal Council's confirmation of the Planning Services work program allows Planning Staff to focus their efforts to:

- meet statutory time requirements associated with planning applications
- continue to deliver Council's highest priority planning projects and services
- provide clear and reasonable work plans for Planning Staff

The information in this report considers:

- Planning-related projects within Council's 2016-2019 Strategic Plan
- The work completed and ongoing from the last work program presented to Council in 2015
- The planning projects listed on the standing committee deferred items lists



DAY-TO-DAY SERVICES DELIVERED BY PLANNING STAFF

A significant amount of staff resources goes towards day-to-day services delivered by Planning Staff. It is important to understand this range of services as context for the delivery of discrete planning projects. The below table shows these ongoing services.

	Strategic Plan Areas of Focus Relating to Service			
Service Description	Strengthening our Community	Building a Sustanable City	Growing our Economy	Leading in Public Services
Planning Applications – Official Plan and Zoning				
Amendments	*	*	*	*
- Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments		^	^	
Environmental planning activities		*		*
- Review of planning and development applications re: natural heritage		•		•
- Review of environmental impact studies		*		
- Review of environmental assessments	1	*		
- Implementation of conservation master plans for ESA's		*		
- Environmentally significant area management		*		
- Environmental policy development		*		
- Review of public projects re: re: ecology and natural heritage		*		
- Monitor UTRCA contract for managing ESA's		*		
- Support Advisory Committees: EEPAC, ACE, TFAC, AWAC (1)		*		
Heritage planning activities				
- Review of planning and development applications re: cultural				
heritage				
- Heritage alteration permit applications		*	*	
- Heritage demolition permit applications		*	*	
- Heritage designations		*	*	
- Heritage conservation district plan implementation		*	*	
- Archaeological master plan implementation		*	*	
- Municipally-owned heritage building life-cycle maintenance		*	*	
- Support Advisory Committee LACH (1)		*	*	
Urban regeneration activities		,		
- Core Area Steering Committee Lead	*	*	*	*
- Core Area Coordinating Team Lead	*			*
- Processing applications for incentives through 7 CIP Programs		*	*	*
- Support and coordinate with BIA's across City	*	*	*	
- Outreach & support to urban neighbourhoods re: planning	*	*	*	
processes Proporation and unknown of Community Improvement Plans	*	*	*	
- Preparation and upkeep of Community Improvement Plans	*	*	*	
- Implement Downtown Plan	*	*	*	
- Monitor health and progress of Downtown				

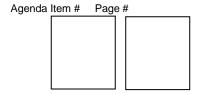
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Urban design activities				
- Review of planning and development applications re: urban	*	*	*	*
design				
- Review of urban design briefs	*	*	*	
- Review of environmental assessments	*	*	*	
- Review of public projects from urban design perspective	*	*	*	
	*	*	*	
 Review infrastructure projects from urban design perspective Maintenance and application of Planning GIS & support other 		*	*	
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areas - 3-D modelling		*	*	
	*	*	*	*
- Special engagement events		*	*	
- Graphic preparation and document production		*	*	
- Map production		*	*	
- Support UDPRP Urban Design Peer Review Panel		, and	n	
Planning policy development	*	*	*	
- Planning studies	*	*	*	
- Official plan stewardship monitor, update, maintain				
- Secondary plan preparation	*	*	*	
- Growth forecasting and land budgeting	*	*	*	
- Research and statistics assembly and dissemination	*	*	*	
- Support Advisory Committees: TAC, AAC, T&GC (1)	*	*	*	*
Parks planning activities				
- Park and open space system/network planning	*	*	*	
- Planning and design for new parks	*	*	*	
- Planning and design for lifecycle renewal of existing parks	*	*	*	
- Multi-use pathway planning & design (cycling, walking, etc.)	*	*	*	
- Review planning & development applications for parkland	*	*	*	*
dedication				
- Commemorative program implementation	*	*	*	*
- Acquisition of parklands where opportunities emerge	*	*		
- Thames Valley Corridor Planning	*	*	*	
- Support SPARKS, Age Friendly, participatory funding re: parks	*	*	*	
Urban forestry activities				
- Tree Protection By-law - permits, enforcement, fines, orders,		*	*	*
hearings				
- Property Standards By-law – support for tree-related matters	*	*		*
- Implement Urban Forestry Strategy	*	*	*	
- Work with Forestry Operations on a variety of operational issues		*		
- Woodland management plan preparation and implementation		*		
- Community tree planting partnerships – work with partners	*	*		
- Administer Tree Bank	*	*		
- Support Tree Me Grants	*	*		
- Review plans for infrastructure and other public projects re:		*		
trees				
- Advisory Committee Support – TFAC (1)	*	*		
Other activities and processes				
- Planning review & approvals for industrial land development			*	*
strategy				
- Ontario Municipal Board Hearings	*	*	*	*
- MFIPPA requests				*
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Note 1- Acronyms for Supported Advisory Committees

EEPAC – Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

ACE – Advisory Committee on the Environment



TFAC – Trees and Forestry Advisory Committee LACH – London Advisory Committee on Heritage UDPRP – Urban Design Peer Review Panel TAC – Transportation Advisory Committee AAC – Agricultural Advisory Committee T&GC – Town and Gown Committee AWAC – Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

Planning Application Processing

Planning Services tracks planning application processing times to ensure that processes are efficient and timely. These processing times are compared to Planning Act statutory time frames and are assessed for trends and outliers. Where outliers are identified, files processing is evaluated to determine the source of any delays and to make process improvements where possible.

Figure 1a and 1b shows that the Division consistently delivers processing times well below those statutory time frames relating to both Official Plan amendments and Zoning By-law amendments.

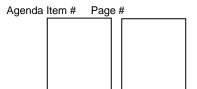
A study <u>prepared in August of 2012 for the City of Guelph by GGA Management Consultants</u> <u>with IBI Group</u> noted London's "timely and expeditious process" and cited the City of London as demonstrating several best practices, as follows:

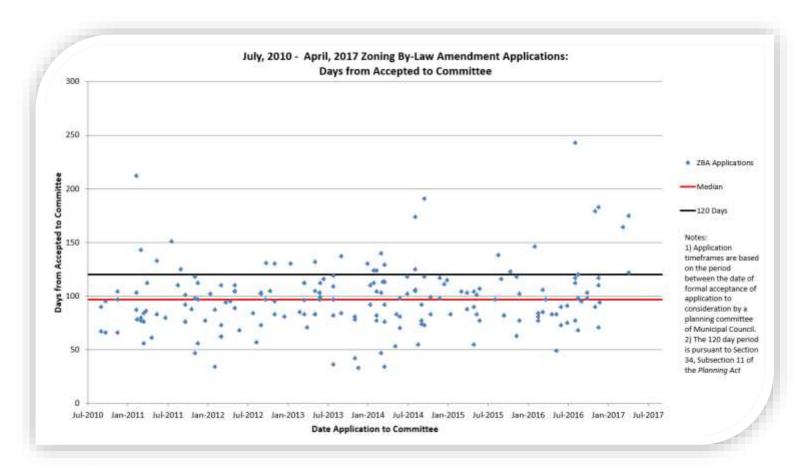
Best Practices / Features of Development Review Process in London

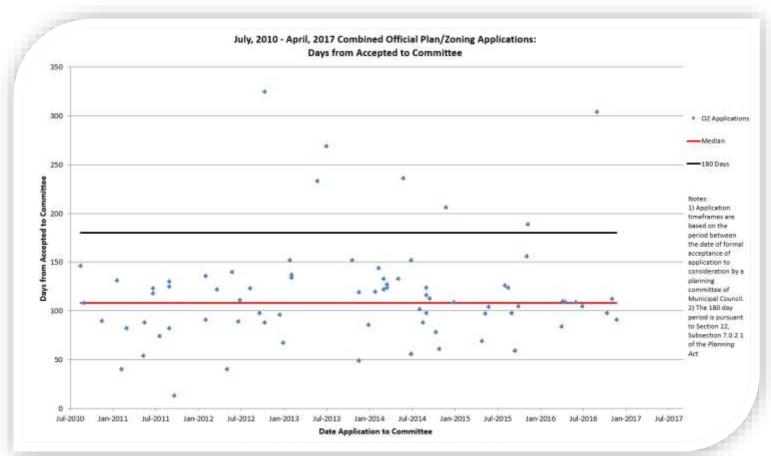
- London requires an early mandatory pre-consultation, together with the submission of complete applications prior to formal development application review to ensure that all development issues and requirements are identified early on and to inform developers what is required to gain approval of their applications.
- London has designated file managers who coordinate development review with a supportive team approach.
- London monitors its application processing against published performance standards and uses the information for management purposes.
- London tracks and reviews applications as a whole relative to the time taken for processing as a means to improve their review process and also to ensure due diligence is undertaken. e.g. OP and zoning amendments
- London has an Urban Design Review Panel made up of professionals from the community who volunteer. Selected applications are referred to them for comment which is seen as beneficial and providing additional input on design issues which can sometimes be contentious.
- London's Official Plan and zoning application processing is timely and expeditious and most applications are processed well within provincial standards.

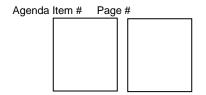
In 2017, Planning Services is undertaking the following initiatives in the pursuit of continuous improvement:

- Service review of the Urban Design service this will involve best practices research, an
 environmental scan to understand how the program is currently working (including the
 Urban Design Peer Review Panel) and resulting recommendations for improvement.
 Development industry and other stakeholder representatives will be engaged throughout the
 process.
- Improvements to planning notification signage, written notice
- Creation of a new web site that makes interaction with planning processes easier
- New report structures that are streamlined and utilize plain language
- Customer service journey mapping and associated improvements









PROJECTS COMPLETED SINCE 2015 WORK PROGRAM REPORT

The following table shows the work program items that were completed since the last Work Program report in October of 2015. Those projects listed in the below table that are followed by an asterisk (*) are included in Council's 2015-2019 Strategic Plan. Whether projects are included within Council's Strategic Plan or not, the below table shows what strategic areas of focus they most closely relate to.

Work program projects completed by Planning Staff since October, 2015

	Strategic Plan Areas of Focus Relating to Project			
Project Description	Strengthening our Community	Building a Sustanable City	Growing our Economy	Leading in Public Services
New plans and strategies				
- The London Plan - 2 nd Draft and Final Plan *	*	*	*	
- Music, Entertainment and Culture District Strategy *	*		*	
- Beaufort, Irwin, Gunn, Saunby (BIGS) secondary plan	*	*		
- McCormick Area Secondary Plan	*	*	*	
- Industrial Area Urban Growth Boundary expansion *		*	*	
- Amendments to Secondary Plans to conform with London Plan *		*		
- London on Bikes – Cycling Master Plan (led by EES) *	*	*		
Studies and new policies				
- Near campus neighbourhood policy review and amendments *	*		*	
- Urban infill (Langarth) - New Zoning regs in urban neighbourhoods	*	*	*	
- New secondary suite policies and zoning	*	*	*	
- New zoning for artisanal workshops and craft breweries	*	*	*	
- Office policy review		*	*	
- Intensification targets study and new policies	*	*	*	
- Zoning amendments to implement Wonderland Rd. EA		*		
- Review of Temporary zoning for parking lots in Downtown *		*	*	
- Mushroom farm regulations – zoning amendments			*	
- Report on upcoming new legislation for inclusionary zoning	*			
- Zoning amendments for daycares	*			
- Community facility zone review	*			
- Underground Parking Policies for Southwest Area Plan		*		
- Patios in association with craft breweries	*	*	*	
Parks, pathways and open space				
- EA for Thames Valley Pkwy multi-use pathway link on N. Branch *	*	*	*	
- EA for Uplands pedestrian bridge (near municipal boundary)	*	*	*	
- New Downtown dog park	*	*	*	
- New Downtown civic space – Pocket Park				

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- New off-leash dog park	*	*	*	
- New trail in Coves ESA	*	*	*	
- Westminster Open Space linkage	*	*	*	
- Kraft Foods partnership basketball court upgrades	*	*	*	
- Jenny Jones partnership playground in Springbank Park	*	*	*	
- 70 parks projects – improvements to existing parks (excluding 2017)	*	*	*	
- 118 ha of new parkland	*	*	*	
Urban regeneration projects				
- Old East Village Commercial Corridor Urban Design Guidelines		*	*	
- My Dundas car-free event and engagement *	*	*	*	
- Ribbon of the Thames – International Design Competition *		*	*	
- Completed RFP process for Old Victoria Hospital lands	*	*	*	
- Completed Lorne Avenue School RFP process	*	*	*	
- Completed Sherwood Forest School RFP process	*	*	*	
- Last Mile Pilot Project *			*	
- Urban Design Awards	*	*	*	
Heritage planning projects				
- St. George Grosvenor Heritage Conservation District Study *		*	*	
- Improvements to Mun. Owned Heritage Bldgs (several completed) *		*	*	
- Installed interpretive signage – Western Counties Cult. Her. Ldscp. *		*	*	
Urban forestry projects				
- New Tree Protection By-law *		*		
- Asian Longhorn Beatle report *		*		
- Tree giveaways, community tree planting, partnership work *	*	*		
- Tree canopy cover study *		*		
- Amend woodland reserve by-law - flexibility and effectiveness *		*		
Environmental studies, policies, projects				
- New guidelines for trails in ESA's	*	*		
Service reviews and enhancements				
- Service review - Community Improvement Plan incentive programs *	*	*	*	*
- Planning engagement projects – strategy report and phased plan *	*			*
- LEAN Six Sigma training and 2 projects *				*
- Service review of parks capital accounts - close old accounts *				*
- Streamlined heritage alteration permit process				*

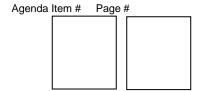
PROJECTS PLANNING STAFF WORKED ON SINCE 2015 - NOT YET COMPLETED

While the above table shows all the projects that were completed since the last work program report, the below table shows those projects that Planning Staff worked on, but have not yet completed.

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Projects Planning Staff worked on over past 18 months, but are still in progress

	Strate	gic Plan	Areas	of
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Project Description	Strengthening our Community	Building a Sustanable City	Growing our Economy	Leading in Public
New plans and strategies				
- New City-wide Urban design guidelines – 1st Draft completed *	*	*	*	*
- Urban Agriculture Strategy – Terms of Reference completed	*	*	*	
- Smart City Strategy – Terms of Reference completed *	*	*	*	*
- Byron Pits secondary plan - Terms of Reference completed		*	*	
- Complete streets manual (co-led with EES) *		*	*	
- Archaeological Master Plan		*		
- Hamilton Road Community Improvement Plan *	*	*	*	
- Lambeth Community Improvement Plan *	*	*	*	
- Downtown Parking Strategy (led by EES) *		*	*	
- EA for Bus Rapid Transit (led by EES) *	*	*	*	
- New zoning by-law to implement The London Plan	*	*	*	*
Studies and new policies				
- State of the Downtown Report			*	*
- Old Victoria Hospital final zoning	*	*	*	
- Arva servicing review (co-led with EES)		*		
- Closed neighbourhood school strategy – policy review *	*	*		
Parks, pathways and open space				
- Parks and Recreation Master Plan (P&R and NCFS leading)	*	*		
- Queens Park Market Terrace and Spray Pad	*	*		
- Old South Village Green	*	*		
Urban regeneration projects				
- SOHO Heritage Square civic space project *	*	*		
- Dundas Place (co-led with EES) *	*	*	*	
- Flex Street pilot project *	*	*	*	
- Ribbon of the Thames – One River EA Process (led by EES) *	*	*	*	
- Downtown Parking Temporary Zone Amendments *		*	*	
- Terms of Reference for Dundas Place Management Organization *	*	*	*	*
- Lorne Avenue – Next phase (unsolicited proposals, demo, zoning)	*	*		
- Sherwood Forest – Next phase (tender process)	*	*		
- Hyde Park BIA	*	*	*	
Heritage planning projects				
- Old Victoria Hospital heritage building stabilization plan		*		
- Improvements to Mun. Owned Heritage Bldgs(several in progress) *		*	*	*
Urban forestry projects				
- Tree planting strategy *	*	*		
Environmental studies, policies, projects				
- Medway South Conservation Master Plan *	*	*	*	*
- Environmental Management Guidelines Update	*	*	*	*



- Back to the River Environmental Assessment (led by EES)	*	*	*	*
- Coyote Protocol Update *	*	*		
- Beaver Activity Monitoring and Protocol Update *		*		
Service reviews and enhancements				
- Planning Engagement – Signage, notice, report templates, web site *				*
- Service Review - Review Urban Design service *				*

NEW REQUESTS

As noted in the 2015 Work Program report, new items come from various sources and can have a major impact on Staff's ability to complete work program items within the identified timeframes. Planning Staff worked on a number of projects that were not included in the 2015 work program, but have been added for a variety of reasons:

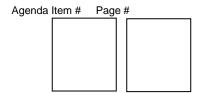
- Emergent issues/requirements (eg. review of proposed Planning Act legislation)
- Outcomes from projects that were included on the work program (eg. amendments to community improvement plans stemming from the review of community improvement plan incentives)
- Specific requests from Council (eg. Urban Agriculture Strategy)

Given the significant amount of work to be undertaken in the next two years, it will be important to recognize that additional work could impact timelines shown in the work program. Some "slack" has been included (note this is an 18-24 month work program indicating that there is an expectation of flexibility) to allow for some additional items to be accommodated. Deferrals back to staff can also create delays on other project timelines.

18-24 MONTH WORK PROGRAM

Appendix A shows the proposed 18-24 Month Work Program separated into the following categories:

- New Plans and Strategies
- Studies and New Policies
- Urban Regeneration Projects
- Heritage Planning Projects
- Urban Forestry Projects
- Environmental Studies, Policies and Projects
- Parks, Pathways and Open Space
- Service Reviews and Enhancements



Notably, there are a variety of items shown that are "Outside of Work Program Horizon". These are projects that Planning Staff are proposing will not be worked on within the next 1.5 to 2 years. They will, however, be considered for the next work program presented to Council in the future.

With this proposed work program in hand, Staff are seeking confirmation of the work program, or requested edits, such that they can remain focused, manage community expectations and deliver projects and services efficiently and with a high quality.

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Planning Services Work Program - Projects for Next 18-24 Months (as of June, 2017)

	2017			2018				Outside of Work Program Horizon
Significant Planning Projects	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	
New plans and strategies								
London Plan OMB Hearings *								
Urban Agriculture Strategy								
Urban Design Manual - City Wide *								
London Plan "Housecleaning Items" for OMB								
London Plan Prehearing Conference *								
Closed Neighbourhood School Strategy *								
Future Cities Strategy (Smart Cities) *								
Green Development and Resiliency Strategy - Resource Review *								
White Oak/Dingman Secondary Plan								
Meadowlily Secondary Plan								
Byron Pits Secondary Plan								
Studies and new policies								
Secondary Dwelling Units – Address Referral								
Arva Servicing Request/Delaware Water Supply EA								
Council Policy Manual Edits								
Secondary Dwelling Units – Prepare Zoning Amendments								
Brydges Street Industrial Area Review								
Construction Mitigation Practices for BRT								
Marajuana Dispensarieis - Best Planning Practices and Amendmts.								
New Zoning By-law - Terms of Reference								
London Plan Monitoring Program *								
Bus Rapid Transit EA (EES Lead) *								
Community Profiles - Census								
Inclusionary Zoning Follow-up								
West London Floodplain SPA								
Commissioners Road Corridor Review								
Review Green Roofs for Landscaped OS								
Urban regeneration projects								
Market Lane Action Plan								
Downtown Temp Commercial Parking Lots Zoning Approach *								
Lambeth CIP *								
Hamilton Road CIP *								

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CIP Incentives Programs amendments *				
Sherwood Forest School Tender Process				
Old Victoria Hospital Lands Zoning Amendment				
SoHo Civic Space - Heritage Square Design *				
Bonusing provisions for Dundas Place & Downtown Heritage				
State of the Downtown Report				
Amendments to CIP - Industrial, DT, SoHo, OEV *				
Lorne Avenue Concept Plan and Demo Plan				
Hyde Park BIA				
Complete Streets Manual (Co-led with EES) *				
Action Plan to Respond to LWLP & Econ Rd Map				
Dundas Place - Detailed Design Coordination *				
Dundas Flex Street Place Mgmt Organization *				
Dundas Flex Street Pilot Project *				
Civic Spaces Program *				
Section 37 Bonus to support Dundas Place and Downtown Heritage				
Urban Regen Plans Monitoring Program				
Lorne Avenue Zoning Amendment				
OEV BIA Expansion				
Hamilton Road BIA Creation				
Amendments to CIP -Bwnfield, Heritage, Airport *				
Explore new program to address DC for old industrial repurposing				
York Street Sewer Project - Managing Downtown issues				
McCormick Zoning				
BIA Creation Process Manual				
CIP Incentives Manual				
Urban Agriculture Pilot Project				
Hyde Park CIP				
Argyle BIA Boundary expansion				
SoHo BIA Creation				
OEV Secondary Plan				
Heritage planning projects				
OVH Hospital Heritage Stabilization Plan				
HAP Delegated Authority Review				
Archaeological Master Plan				
Update Heritage Register Database				
HIA Terms of Reference				
Municipal Heritage Building Agreements				
Heritage Places Update *				
St. George Grosvenor HCD Plan - Great Talbot *				
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St. George Grosvenor HCD Study recommendations				

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St. George Grosvenor HCD Plan - Gibbons Park *				
Urban forestry projects				
VMP Planting / Event				
List of suitable species for Boulevards				
Boulevard Tree By-law Revisions *				
Tree Planting Strategy *				
Review of new Tree Protection By-law				
Highbury Avenue Planting				
Corporate Asset management Pilot				
Update to Tree Inventory - UFORE redo *				
Tree Compensation Guidelines				
Environmental stuides, policies, projects Invasive Species Report				
Meadowlily Woods ESA Cons. Master Plan - 1st *				
Phragmites Eradication Strategy				
Coves Silver Creek Restoration				
Highland Ridge Sanitary Sewer				
Westminster Ponds ESA boardwalk and rest area				
Medway Valley ESA Cons. Master Plan - 2nd				
One River EA (led by EES)				
Rapid Transit EA (led by EES) - EIS support				
Meadowlily Woods ESA Cons. Master Plan - 2nd *				
Environmental Management Guidelines				
TVP to Riverbend - Environmental Assessment				
Dingman Corridor Environmental Assessment				
Back to the River Project - Ribbon of the Forks Project				
Beaver Protocol Update				
Coyote Protocol Update				
Parks, pathways and open space				
Western Counties Cultural HL Implementation				
Thames Valley Interpretive Signage Review				
Harris Park Bandshell				
AODA and Public Spaces Report - New Approach				
Silverwoods Area/Park				
Kilally Fields				
Queens Park Spray Pad				
Vimy Ridge Park - Location				
Southcrest Pool				
Picadilly Park				
Old South Village Green				
Simcoe School Memorial relocation				
Eldon House - Grounds upgrade planning				

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TVP - Main Branch - TPIC Project				
Corporate Asset Management Pilot Project				
Parkland Dedication By-law Update				
Richmond North Bridge detailed design				
Lambeth Bridge				
Springbank Park Stairs				
Construct TVP link to Kiwanis Park				
Construct TVP North Gap *				
SOHO Civic Space Construction				
Stoney Creek Bridge replacements - TPIC Project				
Vanderliegh Park				
Glen Cairn Arena/Park				
South-West CC				
Springbank Park Master Plan				
Parks and Recreation Master Plan (led by P&R,NCFS)				
TVC Enhancement possibilities				
TVC Lands Acquisition				
East Lions Park				
West London Dyke EA (led by EES)				
Service Reviews and Enhancements				
Engagement - New Signage, reports, notices, web *				
Planning Application Fee Review				
Planning Services Communications Plan				
Engagement Improvements - Phase II *				
Citizen Satisfaction Survey - Planning Services				

Note: * indicates that the item is within the 2015-2019 Council Strategic Plan