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Chair and Members of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

Re: Establishment of Working Group - Strengthening Relationships with Indigenous Peoples

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report set out a number Calls to Action to strengthen relationships with Indigenous peoples. The Civic Administration has established practices for working directly with the Indigenous Peoples and continues to work to improve and enhance those practices and relationships.

In order to continue to move forward with the strengthening of the relationship between the City of London and Indigenous peoples, the undersigned believe that a Working Group should be established. The Working Group should be comprised of Members of Council who express an interest in serving on the Working Group. The purpose of the Working Group would be as follows:

- 1. To provide recommendations to Municipal Council on how to move forward with implementing the recommendations contained in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report.
- 2. To work with local Indigenous leaders to determine how best to engage and collaborate with each other.

The undersigned, respectfully request support of the following recommendation:

"That a Working Group. comprised of Members of Council interested in serving on the Working Group and appointed by the Municipal Council to do so, BE ESTABLISHED to review and provide recommendations to Municipal Council with implementing recommendations contained in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report where possible and appropriate and to work with local Indigenous peoples to determine how best to engage and collaborate with each other."

Respectfully submitted,

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