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Chair and Members
Civic Works Committee

Re: **National Zero Waste Council**

I have been appointed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) to serve on the National Zero Waste Council (NZWC). There will be no associated expenses to be borne by the City of London.

The work of NZWC is very consistent with work underway in Ontario and in the City of London (the development of our Resource Recovery Strategy); however, London is not a registered member of the NZWC. Only six cities are registered as members, in addition to FCM – Metro Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, Halifax, Calgary and Edmonton, along with key businesses and government leaders, academia and non-profit organizations in a call for national action and systems change to address waste. NZWC is one of the very few organizations that covers all of Canada with respect to waste management, waste diversion, resource recovery, zero waste and the circular economy. Details from its website can be found at: <http://www.nzwc.ca/Pages/default.aspx>.

I discussed my involvement with NZWC, on behalf of FCM, with our Waste Management Working Group (of which I am Chair) at its meeting on September 28, 2017, and have had further dialogue with City staff. It was suggested that London might want to seek membership on the NZWC. The initiative has the direct support of our City Engineer, Kelly Scherr, as well as that of Jay Stanford, Director, Environment, Fleet & Solid Waste.

In order for the City of London to join NZWC, a Council resolution is required to demonstrate the City of London's support for the NZWC. A Statement of Intent would also accompany that resolution, providing a very brief overview of how the City of London demonstrates a commitment to waste prevention and reduction.

In keeping with the NZWC's membership requirements, I respectfully request that the Municipal Council adopt the following motion:

"That the following actions be taken in connection with the National Zero Waste Council (NZWC):

- a) the NZWC BE ADVISED that the Municipal Council supports the City of London's participation in the work of the NZWC as the Vision, Mission, Guiding Principles and Strategic Directions of NZWC are consistent with the programs, policies and actions being undertaken in the City of London with respect to waste reduction, resource recovery and minimizing final disposal of waste; and
- b) the Director, Environment, Fleet and Solid Waste BE DIRECTED to submit a copy of the Municipal Council resolution noted in a), above, together with an overview of how the City of London demonstrates a commitment to waste prevention and reduction, to the NZWC, in order to fulfill the requirements for the City of London's participation in the work of the NZWC."

Respectfully submitted,

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