

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON FEB 10, 2014
FROM:	LARRY PALARCHIO DIRECTOR, FINANCIAL PLANNING AND POLICY
SUBJECT:	“SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT” PUBLIC INPUT- 2014 BUDGET

RECOMMENDATIONS

That, on the recommendation of the Director, Financial Planning and Policy, the following supplementary report with respect to public input on the 2014 Budget **BE RECEIVED** for information.

BACKGROUND

This report captures public input obtained from the City of London's 2014 web engagement tool (www.buildabudget.ca) from January 6, 2014 – February 6, 2014.

www.buildabudget.ca

For the second year in a row, Civic Administration has used www.buildabudget.ca as a platform for budget engagement. This website provides Londoners with an opportunity to learn about the 2014 Budget and the way monies are received and distributed in our municipality and also provides them with sincere input points on items that are relevant to the decisions Council will be deliberating through the budget process.

While providing input to this site, Londoners are able to see the financial impact of each one of their decisions on the overall tax levy which can be shown in cost/day, cost/month, and cost/year.

Build-a-Budget Workshops, www.buildabudget.ca, in combination with many other “contact us” vehicles, including: Facebook, Twitter @CityofLdnOnt or #LdnBudget14, budget@london.ca, and/or calling Financial Planning and Policy exemplifies Civic Administration’s understanding of the importance of public input and the need for multi-pronged engagement strategies.

Public input gathered from www.buildabudget.ca is **attached** as **Appendix A**.

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APPENDIX A

FEEDBACK CAPTURED FROM WWW.BUILDABUDGET.CA (January 6, 2014- Feb 6, 2014)

1) **Do you support this strategic investment?** *Please note this specific question was asked for each item on the below list.*

Bus Case #	Initiative	Yes	No
41	Transportation Master Plan - Lifecycle Infrastructure Gap	40	28
42	Transportation Master Plan - Growth Infrastructure Gap	27	19
43	Bus Rapid Transit	33	9
44	Downtown Master Plan	23	14
45	Industrial Land Development Strategy	19	23
46	Medical Innovation and Commercialization Network	19	21
47	Performing Arts Centre (incl. related development)	9	31
48	Hydro Lands (Kilmer Brownfield)	18	22
49	Ontario Works Decentralization Strategy	23	19

2) **Do you support this emerging issue?** *Please note this specific question was asked for each item in the below list*

Bus Case #	Initiative	YES	NO
50	Blackfriars Bridge	24	16
51	Huron Street Improvement	15	24
52	Safety Issues or Railway Pedestrian Crossing	20	26
53	Veterans Memorial Parkway Nose Wall	19	29
54	Traffic Calming Program	11	35
55	Sidewalk Maintenance Program	28	12
56	Emerald Ash Corer	24	14
57	Cultural Prosperity Plan	13	26

3) **Please identify what areas you would choose to increase/decrease (if any) by clicking on the arrows provided.**

Proposed 2014 Budget (By Service Area)		Vote Up	Vote Down
Culture			
	Centennial Hall	8	22
	Arts, Culture & Heritage Advisory & Funding	5	19
	Museum London	2	13
	Eldon House	2	5
	Heritage	3	2
	Library Services	18	13
Economic Prosperity			
	Business Attraction & Retention	5	1
	Community Improvement/BIA	4	1
	London Convention Centre	2	5
	Tourism London	5	8

Environmental Service			
	Conservation Authorities	7	1
	Environmental Programs	4	2
	Garbage, Recycling & Composting	7	1
Parks, Recreation & Neighbourhood Services			
	Neighbourhood & Recreation	8	2
	Parks & Urban Forestry	5	5
Planning & Development Services			
	Building Approvals	1	0
	City Planning & Research	3	1
	Development Services	1	0
Protective Services			
	Animal Services	4	6
	Bylaw Enforcement & Property Standards	1	6
	Emergency & Security Management	0	3
	Fire Services	6	15
	Police Services	1	16
Social & Health Services			
	Housing	0	2
	London & Middlesex Housing Corporation	0	1
	Long Term Care	2	0
	Land Ambulance	1	0
	Middlesex London Health Unit	0	0
	Social & Community Support Services	2	0
Transportation Services			
	Parking	1	2
	Public Transit (LTC)	4	1
	Roadways	1	2
Corporate, Operational & Council Services			
	Corporate Services	2	8
	Corporate Planning & Administration	3	6
	Council Services	1	6
	Financial Management	0	5
	Public Support Services	0	2