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Chair and Members
Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee
City of London
300 Dufferin Avenue
London, Ontario N6A 4L9

Dear Chair, Councillor Joe Swan,

Please accept this letter as a formal request to appear as a delegation on June 9<sup>th</sup> focused on creating a 10-year economic action plan.

Fanshawe College has been a proud partner of the City of London and the community in graduating thousands of students during our 45-year old history. At the same time, we believe Fanshawe is a strong leader as an economic driver for the southwest region.

We look forward to presenting details of our future plans for growth of the College that focus on the attraction of international students; applied research and innovation opportunities; training our students to fill much needed skilled trade jobs; the continued addition of degree programs; our exciting downtown campus development and much more.

In fact, Fanshawe College is a net importer of talent where 85% of the students stay in our region after they complete their formal education and build their careers and lives here, contributing to the economic well-being of the communities we serve. We also continue to expand access to learning to a diversity of individuals that lead to a pathway of employment and success.

I look forward to joining you on June 9<sup>th</sup> to elaborate on our plans. We have been very thankful to the City for its financial contributions in supporting many of our capital needs in the past. We are committed to working together in the future to strengthen the relationship between Fanshawe and the City in a positive and meaningful way.

Sincerely,

Howard Rundle

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