

Strengthening our Community

Local Initiatives

Vibrant Neighbourhoods

 The City of London is investing in strong neighbourhoods, through neighbourhood plans, local decision making, and providing City services right where people live.

Housing Development Corporation

- HDC has leveraged federal, provincial and municipal dollars to create opportunities the City and LMHC could not pursue directly.
- For every \$1 in public funding for housing, HDC can leverage an additional \$1 from the private sector.

Homeless Prevention

• London's 'Housing First' approach contributed to a 21% decrease in unique individuals accessing shelter services between 2011 and 2015.

Mental Health and Addictions Strategy

 A final report on the Community Mental Health and Addictions Strategy with recommendations will be presented to Council in December 2017.

Acknowledgements

Social Infrastructure Fund Phase 1

- Provided significant opportunity for HDC to leverage additional funding, as well as supporting repairs and maintenance on social and affordable housing.
- London is receiving \$12.7 million from Phase 1 of the Social Infrastructure Fund.

Homeless Partnering Strategy review

 A key piece of previous City of London advocacy, the HPS review is critical to ensuring all communities receive the resources they need to make progress towards eliminating homelessness.

Opportunity to Collaborate

Mental Health and Addictions Strategy

- A final report on the Community Mental Health and Addictions Strategy with recommendations will be presented to Council in December 2017.
- Cooperation and alignment between all governments will be required to ensure the strategy leads to meaningful progress.



Building a Sustainable City

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Thames Valley Parkway

- The Thames Valley Parkway (TVP) is 42 kilometres in length and is linked to over 150 kilometres of additional pathways connecting all corners of London.
- The TVP is a key element of the City's active transportation network, ensuring safe, attractive transportation options no matter how you travel.

Community Energy Action Plan

- Our Community Energy Action Plan has led to meaningful reductions in energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.
- From expanding our fleet of electric vehicles, to investing in solar power, to innovation in waste management and transit, the City is taking the lead on reducing energy use.

Domestic Action Plan for Phosphorus Reduction

- One element of London's plan with particularly wide-reaching, regional implications is our Domestic Action Plan (DAP) for reducing phosphorus in the Thames River.
- In 2014, 500,000 people in Toledo, Ohio were without water as a result of an algae bloom in the lake. Without a serious, coordinated effort, the problems will only get worse.

Acknowledgements

Canada 150 Community Infrastructure Program

 Supported enhancements that will last for generations, including improvements in parks and community destinations like the Victoria Park Cenotaph and the Thames Valley Parkway, specifically the connection to the South Branch at Kiwanis Park.

Federal Gas Tax Fund

• Supporting the rehabilitation of our historically significant Blackfriars Bridge.

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Domestic Action Plan for Phosphorus Reduction

 As a result of the enormous scale and widespread impacts of the phosphorus issue, all governments must work together, recognizing solutions as provincial initiatives under the Green Infrastructure Fund.



Growing Our Economy

Local Initiatives

Core Infrastructure

- Cities don't create jobs, but we do help create the environment for businesses to grow and thrive.
- To attract next generation businesses and a highly skilled workforce, we know we need to provide 21st century infrastructure in areas like rapid transit and fibre optic internet, and we also need to have high quality core infrastructure like roads, water, and sewers.

Our Evolving Economy

- 80% of our labour force works for businesses with fewer than 100 employees.
- There are roughly 14,000 individual businesses operating in our city adding over \$15 billion worth of GDP to the London and region economy.
- London's tech sector, which barely existed 10 years ago, is now our fifth-largest employer, adding over 2,000 jobs in the past two years alone.
- London's long history of innovation in medicine has resulted in a thriving health sciences sector, directly employing 24,000 people and generating research and expertise that is transformative on a global scale.

Commitment to Regional Approach

- London seeks to contribute to regional and national opportunities at every opportunity.
- Recently, the City has provided data to support NAFTA negotiations.

Acknowledgements

Phase 1 Infrastructure investments

- London received \$38M from the Public Transit Infrastructure Fund, including \$11M for the Shift Environmental Assessment and engineering work, and \$16M for Dundas Place.
- London received \$20M from the Clean Water Wastewater Fund, supporting projects that will prevent flooding, save energy, and extend the life of clean water systems.

Opportunity to Collaborate

Infrastructure Funding – Phase 2

 As bilateral agreements are signed to establish specifications for Phase 2 of the Investing in Canada Fund programs, we will need a Team London approach to championing London's projects.

Aligning Economic Initiatives

- As we work to understand municipalities' role in the national conversation on growing our economy, collaboration between governments is key.
- Aligning our efforts to attract business and grow our talented workforce will support a strong London and a strong Canada.



Leading in Public Service

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Financial Management

 The City of London has a history of sound financial management. This year we received the highest possible credit rating from Moody's Investor Service, Aaa, for the 41st consecutive year.

Diversity and Inclusion

- The City is working hard to ensure that we are reflective of our diverse community.
- Earlier this year, City Council unanimously adopted our Community Diversity and Inclusion Strategy.
- The City of London also recently introduced and launched an Intercultural Competency Program for employees that was focused on enhancing relationships with Indigenous and First Nations partners.

Excellent Service Delivery

• In our most recent Citizen Satisfaction Survey, 87% of Londoners indicated they are satisfied with the overall level of City of London services.

Acknowledgements

The Team London Approach

 The City of London is grateful to have strong, productive relationships with all our federal representatives. Our Members of Parliament are our greatest ambassadors in Ottawa.

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Working Together for London

 By continuing to communicate, seeking shared priorities, and aligning initiatives, we can ensure a bright future for London. We are better together.