

3RD REPORT OF THE
CIVIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Meeting held on February 6, 2018, commencing at 4:00 PM, in the Council Chambers, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: Councillor T. Park (Acting Chair), Councillors P. Hubert and P. Squire and J. Bunn (Acting Secretary).

ABSENT: Councillors V. Ridley and H.L. Usher.

ALSO PRESENT: Councillors J. Helmer, A. Hopkins and M. van Holst; J. Ackworth, T. Copeland, A. Dunbar, T. Koza, H. Lysynski, D. MacRae, S. Mathers, D. Popadic, A. Rozentals, K. Scherr, E. Soldo, S. Spring, J. Stanford, B. Westlake-Power and J. Yanchula.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. CONSENT ITEMS

2. COUNCIL MEMBER SUBMISSION – Absent From Meeting

That it BE NOTED that a communication dated February 6, 2018 from Councillor V. Ridley, related to her being absent from the meeting, was received. (2018-C12)

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

3. STAFF REPORT - Contract Award - T17-130 Wonderland Road South Two-Lane Upgrade

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental & Engineering Services and City Engineer, the following actions be taken with respect to the award of a contract for the Wonderland Road South Two-Lane Upgrade from Highway 401 to Highway 402:

- a) the bid submitted by Bre-Ex Construction Inc. at its submitted tendered price of \$6,590,096.80 (excluding HST), for the said project BE ACCEPTED; it being noted that the bid submitted by Bre-Ex Construction Inc. was the lowest of six bids received and meets the City's specifications and requirements in all areas;
- b) WSP Canada Group Limited BE AUTHORIZED to carry out the resident inspection, contract administration of the said project in the amount of \$558,412 (excluding HST), in accordance with Section 15.2 (g) of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy;
- c) the financing for this project BE APPROVED as set out in the Sources of Financing Report appended to the staff report dated February 6, 2018;
- d) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project;
- e) the approval given herein BE CONDITIONAL upon The Corporation entering into a formal contract for the material to be supplied and the work to be done relating to this project (Tender 17-130); and,

- f) the Mayor and the City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute any contract or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations. (2018-L04/T04)

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

4. STAFF REPORT - Amendments to the Traffic and Parking By-law

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the proposed by-law, as appended to the staff report dated February 6, 2018, BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on February 13, 2018 for the purpose of amending the Traffic and Parking by-law (PS-113). (2018-T08)

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

5. STAFF REPORT - Hamilton Road Infrastructure Lifecycle Renewal - Chesley Avenue to Egerton Street - Hydro and Telecommunication Utility Locations

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the following actions be taken with respect to the Hamilton Road Infrastructure Lifecycle Renewal Project from Chelsey Avenue to the west side of Egerton Street:

- a) the staff report dated February 6, 2018, outlining the cost and schedule implications related to converting utilities from overhead to underground on Hamilton Road BE RECEIVED for information; and,
- b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to tender the project for implementation in 2018 as currently designed maintaining the aerial hydro and telecommunications utility arrangements. (2018-E06)

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

6. STAFF REPORT - Contract Award - Tender No. 17-129 Western Road/Wharncliffe Road North Improvements Phase 2

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental & Engineering Services and City Engineer, the following actions be taken with respect to the award of a contract for the Western Road/Wharncliffe Road North Improvements Phase 2 project:

- a) the bid submitted by J-AAR Excavating Limited at its submitted tendered price of \$8,033,093.95 (excluding HST), for the said project BE ACCEPTED; it being noted that the bid submitted by J-AAR Excavating Limited was the lowest of five bids received and meets the City's specifications and requirements in all areas;
- b) AECOM Canada Ltd. BE AUTHORIZED to carry out the resident inspection, contract administration of the said project in the amount of \$414,036 (excluding HST), in accordance with Section 15.2 (g) of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy;
- c) the financing for this project BE APPROVED as set out in the Sources of Financing Report appended to the staff report dated February 6, 2018;
- d) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project;

- e) the approval given herein BE CONDITIONAL upon The Corporation entering into a formal contract for the material to be supplied and the work to be done relating to this project (Tender 17-129);
- f) the Mayor and the City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute any contract or other documents, including rail-related agreements if required, to give effect to these recommendations; and,
- g) the installation of an intersection pedestrian signal on Western Road at Hollywood Crescent BE APPROVED. (2018-T04)

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

7. STAFF REPORT - Consultant Assignments - Southeast Pressure Zone Development - Construction Administration

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the following actions be taken with respect to the Southeast Pressure Zone Development project:

- a) AECOM Canada Limited BE AUTHORIZED to carry out the resident supervision and contract administration for said project in the amount of \$131,604.00 (excluding HST), in accordance with Section 15.2(g) of the Corporation of the City of London's Procurement of Goods and Services Policy;
- b) the financing for this project BE APPROVED as set out in the Sources of Financing Report appended to the staff report dated February 6, 2018;
- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project; and,
- d) the Mayor and the City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute any contract or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations. (2018-E03)

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

8. STAFF REPORT - Sole Source Award - Acoustic Fiber Optic Monitoring Contract Project No. EW3538

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the following actions be taken with respect to the Acoustic Fiber Optic (AFO) Monitoring Contract:

- a) the contract value for Pure Technologies Ltd., 3rd Floor, 705-11 Avenue SW, Calgary, Alberta, T2R 0E3, BE APPROVED, in accordance with section 14.3(c) of the Corporation of the City of London's Procurement of Goods and Services Policy, in the amount of \$150,922.00 (excluding HST) for 2018 to continuously monitor 15.86 km of the City's most critical watermains;
- b) the financing for this project BE APPROVED from current available budget as set out in the Sources of Financing Report appended to the staff report dated February 6, 2018;
- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project; and,
- d) the Mayor and the City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute any contract or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations. (2018-E03)

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

9. STAFF REPORT - Appointment of Consulting Engineer for Detailed Design and Contract Administration of the Fox Hollow Stormwater Management Facility No. 1-North Cell (ESSWM-FH1)

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the following actions be taken with respect to the appointment of a consulting engineer for the detailed design and contract administration of the Fox Hollow Stormwater Management (SWM) Facility No. 1 - North Cell:

- a) Stantec Consulting Ltd. BE APPOINTED as consulting engineer to carry out the detailed design and contract administration for the said project, in the total amount of \$398,486.55 (including contingency), excluding HST, and in accordance with Section 15.2 (g) of the City of London's Procurement of Goods and Services Policy;
- b) the financing for the project BE APPROVED in accordance with the Sources of Financing Report appended to the staff report dated February 6, 2018;
- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project;
- d) the approvals given herein BE CONDITIONAL upon The Corporation entering into a formal contract; and,
- e) the Mayor and the City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute any contract or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations. (2018-E03)

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

10. STAFF REPORT - Contract Award - T17-56 North Lambeth P9 Stormwater Management Facility (ESSWM - DCNLP9)

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the following actions be taken with respect to the award of contract for the North Lambeth P9 Stormwater Management Facility project:

- a) the bid submitted by J-AAR Excavating Limited, at its tendered price of \$4,724,216.75, excluding HST, BE ACCEPTED, it being noted that the bid submitted by J-AAR Excavating Limited was the lowest of six (6) bids received;
- b) the engineering fees for Stantec Consulting Limited, in the total amount of \$373,238.25 (including contingency), excluding HST, BE ACCEPTED to carry out the construction administration and inspection in accordance with Section 15.2(g) of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy;
- c) the financing for this project BE APPROVED as set out in the Sources of Financing Report appended to the staff report dated February 6, 2018;
- d) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project;
- e) the approval given herein, BE CONDITIONAL upon The Corporation entering into a formal contract, or issuing a purchase order for the material to be supplied and the work to be done relating to this project; and,

- f) the Mayor and the City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute any contract or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations. (2018-E03)

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

11. STAFF REPORT - Weeping Tile Disconnection Promotional Canvassing Campaign

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the recommended action to promote weeping tile disconnection through door-to-door canvassing with the Growing Naturally Program BE ENDORSED. (2018-E13)

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

12. STAFF REPORT - 2017 Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Inspection Report for the City of London Water Distribution System

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the report dated February 6, 2018 related to the findings of the 2017 Ministry of the Environment and Climate Change Inspection of the City of London Water Distribution System, BE RECEIVED. (2018-E13)

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

13. STAFF REPORT - Contract Price Increase - Tender T17-15 Infrastructure Renewal Program - Byron Baseline Road Reconstruction Project

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the following actions be taken with respect to the 2017 Byron Baseline Road Reconstruction project:

- a) the 2017 Byron Baseline Reconstruction (Tender T17-15) contract value with Bre-Ex Construction Inc. BE INCREASED by \$650,000.00 to \$6,499,025.30 excluding HST, in accordance with Section 20.3 (e) of the Procurement of Goods and Services Policy;
- b) the financing for this project BE APPROVED as set out in the Sources of Financing Report appended to the staff report dated February 6, 2018;
- c) the Civic Administration BE AUTHORIZED to undertake all the administrative acts that are necessary in connection with this project; and,
- d) the Mayor and the City Clerk BE AUTHORIZED to execute any contract or other documents, if required, to give effect to these recommendations. (2018-T04)

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

14. STAFF REPORT - Strategic Plan Variance Report

That, on the recommendation of the City Manager, with the concurrence of the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the staff report dated February 6, 2018, related to Strategic Plan Progress Variance, BE RECEIVED. (2018-C08)

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

15. 1st Report of the Waste Management Working Group

That the 1st Report of the Waste Management Working Group, from its meeting held on January 18, 2018, BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

16. 1st Report of the Transportation Advisory Committee

That the 1st Report of the Transportation Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on January 23, 2018, BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

III. SCHEDULED ITEMS

17. Wharnccliffe Road South Environmental Study Report

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Environmental and Engineering Services and City Engineer, the following actions be taken with respect to the Wharnccliffe Road South Improvements Environmental Assessment:

- a) the Wharnccliffe Road South from Becher Street to Commissioners Road Municipal Class Environmental Study report BE ACCEPTED;
- b) a Notice of Completion for the project BE FILED with the City Clerk; and,
- c) the Environmental Study Report BE PLACED on the public record for a 30-day review period;

it being noted that the Civic Works Committee received the attached presentation from D. MacRae, Division Manager, Transportation Planning and Design;

it being further noted that the Civic Works Committee heard the following delegations related to this matter:

- N. Finlayson, 100 Stanley Street – see attached speaking notes; and,
- T. Dupont-Martinez – expressing support for the property at 100 Stanley Street remaining in-situ. (2018-E05)

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

Voting Record:

Motion to approve the delegation requests from N. Finlayson and T. Dupont-Martinez.

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

18. 2nd Report of the Cycling Advisory Committee

That the following actions be taken with respect to the 2nd Report of the Cycling Advisory Committee from its meeting held on January 17, 2018:

- a) that the attached proposed London Bicycle Friendly Award Policy BE REFERRED to the City Clerk for review and consideration and a report back to the appropriate standing committee;
- b) J. Fullick, Technologist and J. Pucchio, AECOM, BE ADVISED that the Cycling Advisory Committee (CAC) expressed its support for the proposed cycling solution for the Victoria Bridge Municipal Class Environmental Assessment; it being noted that the CAC received the attached presentation from J. Fullick, Technologist and J. Pucchio, AECOM, with respect to this matter;
- c) that the following actions be taken with respect to the proposal to close Oxford Street, in its entirety, on a Sunday morning from 6:00 AM to 10:00 AM during the summer:
 - i) it BE NOTED that a verbal presentation from J. Rule, Cycling Advocate, with respect to this proposal was received; it being noted that Ottawa, Montreal and Winnipeg have similar programs;
 - ii) the above-noted proposal BE AMENDED to consider closing Dundas Street instead of Oxford Street; and,
 - iii) the above-noted proposal BE ADDED to the proposed 2018 Cycling Advisory Committee (CAC) Work Plan for investigation, noting that the CAC will consult with cycling groups in the development of a recommendation for Municipal Council's consideration; and,
- d) clauses 1 to 4 and 7, BE RECEIVED;

it being noted that the Civic Works Committee heard a verbal delegation from W. Pol, Vice-Chair, Cycling Advisory Committee, with respect to this matter.

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

IV. ITEMS FOR DIRECTION

19. COUNCIL MEMBER SUBMISSION – Underground Utilities on Hamilton Road

That the communications from Councillor M. van Holst related to the possibility of moving utility wires underground on Hamilton Road BE RECEIVED and no further action be taken with respect to this matter. (2018-E06)

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

20. COUNCIL MEMBER SUBMISSION – Private Drain Connection (PDC) Projects

That the Director of Water and Wastewater BE REQUESTED to review the Wastewater and Stormwater By-law WM-28 as it relates to fees and charges for Private Drain Connections (PDC) work undertaken as part of a City of London construction project and report back with respect to a potential blended fee for mixed use properties that is reflective of a balanced charge between the current residential and commercial fees; it being noted that a communication dated January 16, 2018, from Councillor T. Park was received related to this matter. (2018-E09)

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

21. PUBLIC SUBMISSION - Pedestrian Sidewalk - Pack Road and Colonel Talbot Road

That the communication from J. Burns related to a request for a pedestrian crosswalk at the intersection of Pack Road and Colonel Talbot Road BE REFERRED to the Division Manager, Transportation Planning and Design for review and consultation with Mr. Burns as well as a report back to the appropriate standing committee related to this matter.

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

V. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

22. Deferred Matters List

That the Civic Works Committee deferred list, as of December 12, 2017, BE RECEIVED.

Motion Passed

YEAS: P. Hubert, T. Park, P. Squire (3)

VI. ADJOURNMENT


The meeting adjourned at 5:51 PM.



Wharncliffe Road South Environmental Assessment

Becher Street to Commissioners Road

February 6, 2018
Civic Works Committee
Transportation Planning & Design





Wharncliffe Road South Class EA – Study Area

Phase 1

- CN Rail Bridge replacement
- Add one northbound lane
- Horton Street Intersection Improvements



Immediate implementation



Phase 2




- Partial road cross-section Improvements
- Intersection Improvements
- Access Management


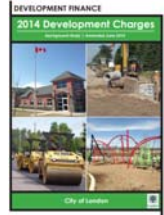
Long term implementation


Study Context

A comprehensive and environmentally sound planning process

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Consultation



- Public meetings
- Agency Consultation
 - ✓ Canadian National Railway
 - ✓ London Transit Commission
 - ✓ London Hydro
 - ✓ London Advisory Committee on Heritage
 - ✓ Environmental and Ecological Planning
 - ✓ Transportation Advisory Committee
 - ✓ Cycling Advisory Committee
- First Nations
- Riverforks Community Association
- Discussions with Property Owners and interested Londoners

.....Support for the Project with local concerns.....



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Wharnccliffe Road South Class EA

- A strategic improvement
- Removes a bottleneck in a four-lane corridor to create:
 - ✓ Improved safety
 - ✓ Less congestion on Wharnccliffe Road and Horton Street
 - ✓ Less cut-through traffic
 - ✓ Improved walking and cycling
 - ✓ In concert with other TMP shifts to transit & active transportation






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Project Highlights: Phase 1 Becher Street to Springbank Drive

- CNR Structure replacement
- Making the Horton Street Intersection more functional






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CNR Bridge Construction

- 'On-Line' construction method recommended and endorsed by CNR.
- New abutments must be constructed behind existing abutments.
- **100 Stanley Street is impacted by abutment construction and not proposed road width.**
- Road profile and utilities are designed with regard for High Speed Rail








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100 Stanley Street - Preliminary Recommendation Relocate Dwelling to Nearby Property

Detailed review:

- No options to retain the dwelling in its current location are viable
- Feasibility of the house move was confirmed
- Conserves the exterior and interior attributes identified in the Heritage By-law
- Future steps would include site plan, detailed relocation plan and heritage documentation
- LACH is not supportive of demolition

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Other Approaches Examined

Preserve 100 Stanley Street In-Situ with Road Realignment

- Realign Wharnciffe Road to the west
- Requires removal of 13 additional properties
- Substandard road alignment and profile

Modifications to 100 Stanley Street (Retain Dwelling and remnant parcel)

- Dwelling encased in soldier pile/hoarding and backfilled for entire construction period (18 to 24 months)
- Risk of damage, safety conflicts, etc.
- Degraded remnant parcel – smaller, lost driveway, retaining walls, exposed foundation walls
- Utility easements required on remnant parcel
- Excessive cost risk

Demolition

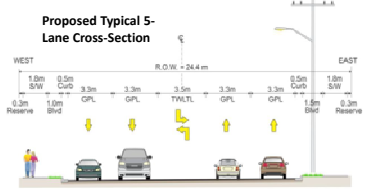
- With a salvage plan for specific built resources and updated documentation





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Project Highlights: Phase 2 Springbank Drive to Commissioners Road




Proposed Typical 5-Lane Cross-Section

WEST | R.O.W. = 24.4 m | EAST

1.0m SW | 0.5m Curb | 3.3m | 3.3m | 3.5m TWL/TL | 3.3m | 3.3m | 0.5m Curb | 1.0m SW

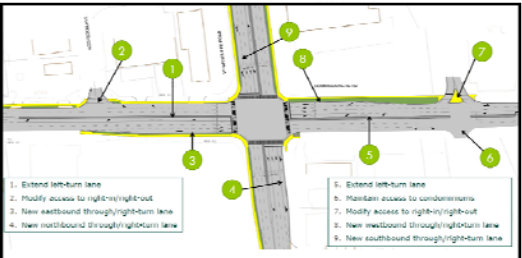
0.3m Reserve | 1.0m Blvd | GPL | GPL | TWL/TL | GPL | GPL | 1.5m Blvd | 0.3m Reserve

- Narrow corridor → incremental optimization
- Other Intersection improvements - Emery Street (new NB and SB left turn lanes)
- Base Line Road (SB left turn lane extended)



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Project Highlights: Phase 2 Springbank Drive to Commissioners Road




1. Extend left-turn lane
2. Modify access to right/right-through
3. New eastbound through/right-turn lane
4. New westbound through/right-turn lane

Additional through lanes

5. Extend left-turn lane
6. Modify access to condominiums
7. Modify access to right/right-through
8. New westbound through/right-turn lane
9. New southbound through/right-turn lane

Lengthen left-turn lanes

Safety access modifications to McGregor Avenue and Highland Avenue.



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Implementation

Phase 1 – Becher Street to Springbank Drive (\$38.9 M)

- 18 – 24 months construction
- Road closures:
 - Wharnciffe Road: 5 - 6 months
 - Horton Street: 2 - 3 months
- Construction potentially in 2021 with utility relocations in 2020

Phase 2 – Springbank Dr to Commissioners Rd (\$16.8 M)

- Long-term implementation
- Coordinated with future development opportunities

DC Background Study & Budget Update









Next Steps

- Subject to Council acceptance → ESR will be subject to a 30 day public review period.
- Design & Realty Agreements
- All process requirements related to the Ontario Heritage Act or permitting /approvals (e.g. Heritage Alteration Permit) will be undertaken during detailed design.



Thank You !



I wish to thank you for allowing me the opportunity to speak this afternoon.

For the past 30 years, I have poured much thought, energy, time, and care into my home at 100 Stanley Street, fully appreciating its beauty, workmanship, and heritage attributes. Twice this 125 year-old priority #1 designated heritage Queen Anne style cottage has been featured on the Geranium Walk, contributing greatly to the history and culture of our city.

In the garden, I have removed invasive species, nurtured cottage garden perennials and bushes and planted native trees, shrubs, and vines. The garden overflows with more than 30 varieties of native plants providing food, nectar, protection, and habitat for many birds, bees, butterflies and insects. Partly due to these efforts, I was indeed very honoured to be the recipient of the Urban League of London's Green Umbrella Award and, as well, to be added to the Mayor's New Year's Honour List in 2009 for "outstanding contribution to the environment in the City of London. The naturalized garden was created in response to an appeal from Dr. Henry Koch, a professor at the University of Guelph, to establish Carolinian corridors across our province for pollinators and migrators. Therefore, the preservation of the property at 100 Stanley Street would go a long way in supporting one of the London Plan's 10 Big Moves – "building one of the Greenest Cities in all of Canada"

The Riverforks Community is one of the oldest in the city, presently seeking to qualify as a Heritage Conservation District and the preservation of the home and property at 100 Stanley Street contributes greatly to the heritage identity and character of this community in the city of London. Mr. Unterman states in his Heritage Impact Statement that the "relocation of the residence from its original location permanently alters the value of the municipally designated property. The context and setting will be permanently altered and the associated trees, garden, and garage will be lost. Its historical linkage to its existing location will be severed. The authenticity of the original setting will not be preserved."

Not all of the caring for my home and garden has been for my own selfish reasons. There are many benefits to be gained and appreciated in this stewardship, for the neighbours passing by, for our Riverforks Community, for the City of London, and, yes, even for our planet earth.

I am greatly disappointed and frankly dismayed at the lack of respect and consideration demonstrated over the last few years of events regarding the widening of Wharnccliffe Road project, lack of respect and consideration for the bigger picture as well as for the human factor. The present plan is both unfair and wrong. There are 3 parties involved in this phase of the project- the CNRailway, the City of London and me, yet I have been totally excluded from all discussions, negotiations, and decisions. Three times I have unsuccessfully attempted to contact the CNRailway to voice my concerns and wishes to be included in ongoing dialogues. Despite my efforts to communicate my concerns and suggestions to City Hall Staff, there has been little response and the project planners remain committed to and intent on pushing forth their 6 lane, stream-lined design. I remain just an annoying speed bump in their path. The entire process has been neither democratic nor transparent.

Quite honestly, in my opinion there is no need to build a new train bridge. There is presently enough room under the overpass to add one more lane to accommodate the north-bound traffic in accordance with the Transportation Master Plan. That would be the same number of lanes as under the Wellington Road and Richmond Street bridges. Planners may say that the overpass is old and needs to be replaced, yet no-one is requesting that a much older bridge on Thames Street be rebuilt. There are many changes that could be adopted to resolve the difficulty of moving traffic in an innovative, "outside the box" manner. We need to plan the city to preserve our cultural identity and our green spaces, to celebrate the treasures we have already. Citizens of London deserve this. Many of the nearly 6,000 petitioners who frequently travel the route, communicate to me that they see no need for the drastic changes proposed. A Springbank Drive/Stanley Street bus driver tells me that he has no difficulty accommodating the present intersection and corner. Local residents driving by, or even waiting at the corners, call out that they would rather save 100 Stanley Street than proceed with the 6 lane road widening in order to save a few minutes.

If indeed it is determined that the road does need widening, the real impact on my home comes not from the widening itself but from the attending need to lengthen the CNR bridge. But for the road widening, that bridge would not have been rebuilt by CN. CN is piggy-backing a new bridge on this proposed widening, and that is the reason my home may now be demolished or relocated. CN has determined that the cheapest, most economical way [in their money, time, and effort] is to place cranes on my property to construct the new bridge. CN should not be driving this train! Surely CN should be challenged to provide an alternate bridge plan so that a temporary rail line is established to the south Horton Street side rather than impacting my home and property. As well, CN should absorb any additional costs accrued in the construction of a temporary rail line that need not interfere with 100 Stanley Street. How is it possible that a new bridge is costing 16 million dollars, 41% of the total cost of phase 1 of the project, yet CN is contributing only 15% of the required funds?

I recommend that the City Councillors postpone the vote on this issue until such time as an independent expert opinion determines an alternate suitable plan for the CNR bridge, a plan that does not threaten my home and property.

In the meantime, once again, I wish to invite you to visit my home, my garden, and me at 100 Stanley Street. Several years ago, when I moved to this historical home and environmental green space, I realized that my stewardship was vital to honour this very special corner of London and I dearly wish to pass forward this pleasure to the next generation. I do not doubt for a minute the planners' conviction and passion for the project, nor do I dismiss the responsibilities of the City Council, but I am not going to put aside my responsibility to stand up to defend my home and my property.

Thank you.

Proposed London Bicycle Friendly Awards Policy

1. That following policy be established for the issuance of yearly London Bicycle Friendly Awards:
 - a) One Bicycle Friendly Award be presented once a year, in conjunction with the advisory committee process (to include public submissions) for nominations involving the Mayor's New Year's Honour List. These will be awarded to an exemplary individual or an organization or business that has contributed to making the City of London much more bicycle friendly.
 - b) The Cycling Advisory Committee members be authorized to collect/make nominations and select the recipient to be considered for Bicycle Friendly Awards with endorsement by Council;
 - c) The following criteria be established to qualify for the award, that nominees meet a minimum of three of these criteria:

Individual that:

- i) Volunteers or participates with local cycling events, bike rides or tours;
- ii) Actively cycles year round in compliance with the Ontario Highway Traffic Act and municipal by-laws;
- iii) Leads by example in demonstrating safe cycling skills; and,
- iv) Publically and proactively promotes the benefits of cycling.

Organization or Business that:

- i) Engages their staff, members, constituents and/or clients to actively commute to work and/or ride recreationally;
 - ii) Invests in secure, sheltered, monitored bicycle parking;
 - iii) Invests in on-site shower and change facilities;
 - iv) Offers employee training in bike safety, repair and maintenance;
 - v) Offers support for onsite or community bike events and functions;
 - vi) Offers a bicycle-friendly dress code and/or incentives to ride to work; and,
 - vii) Uses bicycle friendly services (ie bike couriers, bike trailer deliveries).
- d) On the understanding that:
- i) Unsuccessful nominations may be resubmitted in future years;
 - ii) Individuals currently serving on the Cycling Advisory Committee are not eligible for consideration; and,
 - iii) Businesses and organizations to be considered include but not be limited to: restaurants, grocery stores, manufacturers, offices, media, small and large retailers, bike stores, tourism operators, malls, boards and departments (ie library board, school boards, government, police) hotels and organizations (ie YMCA, health agencies).