

<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS STRATEGIC PRIORITIES AND POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING ON APRIL 23, 2018</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>ANNA LISA BARBON MANAGING DIRECTOR, CORPORATE SERVICES &amp; CITY TREASURER, CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>PUBLIC CONSULTATION - PROPOSED EXPANSION OF A GAMING SITE</b>

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer the following report **BE RECEIVED** for information.

**PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER**

“Requirements for a Proposed Expansion of a Gaming Site,” Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee, January 29, 2018

“Ontario Lottery And Gaming Corporation’s Community Recognition Program,” Corporate Services Committee, March 8, 2016

“Municipality Contribution Agreement Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation,” Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee, August 26, 2013

“Municipality Contribution Agreement Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation,” Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee, November 20, 2012

“Delegation - Hugh Mitchell, Western Fair District re Modernizing Land Based Gaming in Ontario,” Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee, June 9, 2012

**LINK TO THE STRATEGIC PLAN**

The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation and Gateway Casinos and Entertainment Limited proposed expansion of a gaming site in London advances the following areas of focus and objectives of Council's Strategic Plan:

- Growing our Economy
  4. Strategic, collaborative partnerships
    - A) Work better together for economic growth: Western Fair District, London Economic Development Corporation, London Hydro, London International Airport, Tourism London, London Convention Centre, Covent Garden Market, London Chamber of Commerce, Business Improvement Areas, and other key stakeholders.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

On January 30, 2018, Municipal Council resolved that the following actions be taken:

*That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the following actions be taken:*

- a) the staff report dated January 29, 2018, regarding the municipal requirements that are required to be satisfied as part of the approval process, under O. Reg. 81/12

under the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation Act, 1999, for the proposed expansion of a gaming site in London, BE RECEIVED for information;

- b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to implement the proposed options for public input consisting of a Public Open House and Information Session, an online survey, as well as a Public Participation session to be held at a meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee;
- c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to invite the Old East Village BIA to assist with organizing the public open house, and to also engage directly with the Old East Village Community Association about the public open house;
- d) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to engage with all relevant stakeholders, such as London Middlesex Counselling and Addiction Services and any other relevant community groups, to receive their input on the proposed gaming site expansion; and
- e) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to obtain a copy of the related Service Agreement between the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation and Gateway Casinos & Entertainment Limited, in order for the City to better understand the provisions under which an expanded casino would be operated.

This report responds to items b), c), d) and e) of the Council resolution.

## BACKGROUND

In January 2018, Civic Administration submitted a report to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee that outlined the requirements that Municipal Council must fulfill as part of the approval process, under O. Reg. 81/12 of the *Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation Act, 1999*, for the proposed expansion of a gaming site in London. The regulation requires that a municipal council seek public input into the establishment, including expansion, of a proposed gaming site in the municipality. It is noted that only expanded gaming is being considered at this time, as the location for gaming in London is not part of the discussion. Further, should Municipal Council wish to support the expansion of a gaming site in London, it has to pass a positive resolution, as the resolution passed on June 12, 2012 regarding gaming in London does not satisfy the regulatory requirements.

Following the January 2018 report, Civic Administration implemented the proposed options for public consultation consisting of an online survey, and a public open house and information session during the month of March. Detailed information on the material presented at the open house and information session is provided in Appendix 'A'. In addition to the two options that have been implemented, a public participation meeting is planned to be held at the April 23, 2018 meeting of the Strategic and Priorities and Policy Committee, to invite the public to provide input directly to the committee regarding proposed gaming expansion in London. Representatives from the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG) will also be present at the meeting to answer questions that may arise.

Civic Administration requested a copy of the related Service Agreement between the Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation and Gateway Casinos & Entertainment Limited. The OLG provided a response that indicated they are "unable to provide the Casino Operating and Services Agreement (COSA) as it contains information that:

- a) reveals third party commercial, financial information, supplied in confidence by the third party Service Provider, that if disclosed could reasonably be expected to result in the harms set out in sections (a) to (c) of s. 17(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (Ontario). Disclosure could result in third parties gaining access to the Service Provider's confidential financial information and commercial information revealing its financial modelling and methodology; and
- b) could reasonably be expected to prejudice the economics interests of OLG if disclosed, since OLG is currently in the midst of the procurement process for other gaming bundles in Ontario."

The OLG did provide a copy of the RFPQ#1314-001 for the Southwest Gaming Bundle. In response, civic administration has provided a number of specific questions to the OLG for a response in the absence of receiving the COSA that will be the subject of a future report to Council.

## PUBLIC CONSULTATION PROCESS AND RESULTS

### Overview

As part of the process to consider expanded gaming in London, the City has engaged with Londoners to assist Council in their decision and to satisfy the requirements under O. Reg. 81/12 of the *Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation Act, 1999*. The following sections provide an overview of the public consultation process, specifically the approaches used and the feedback received from the community to date.

The objective of the public consultation process was to provide opportunities for residents and business owners in London to offer their feedback about expanded gaming in the community. As part of the process the City used both broad outreach as well as targeted opportunities to reach Londoners and ask for their input and feedback on expanded gaming. For broad outreach the City used the following key activities to obtain feedback and input from the community:

- **Online Survey:** The City posted content on the Get Involved website on March 8, 2018, to both inform the public about current gaming in London and expanded gaming, as well as invite their input through an online survey, which was open from March 8 – March 28, 2018.
- **Public Open House and Information Session:** The City hosted an open house at the Kiwanis Seniors' Community Centre on March 22, 2018, in consultation with the Old East Village BIA, to share this information in person and invite people to attend to learn more about the proposal and provide feedback on it. The open house included the following:
  - Opening comments – City of London
  - Information about expanded gaming – OLG and Gateway Casinos and Entertainment
  - Q&A session – All
  - Hard copy survey and comment cards were distributed

The City used the following activities to publicize and promote the opportunity for the public to provide input regarding expanded gaming in London.

- Social Media
  - Generic social media messaging promoting the [getinvolved.london.ca](http://getinvolved.london.ca) survey and the open house, which included the use of Twitter and Facebook
- Print Advertising
  - London Free Press
  - The Londoner, including issuance of Public Notices
- Poster Distribution
  - City Hall, Community Centres, and Libraries
- Web
  - Homepage image [london.ca](http://london.ca), Open house event in [london.ca](http://london.ca) calendar, and Our City e-newsletter placement

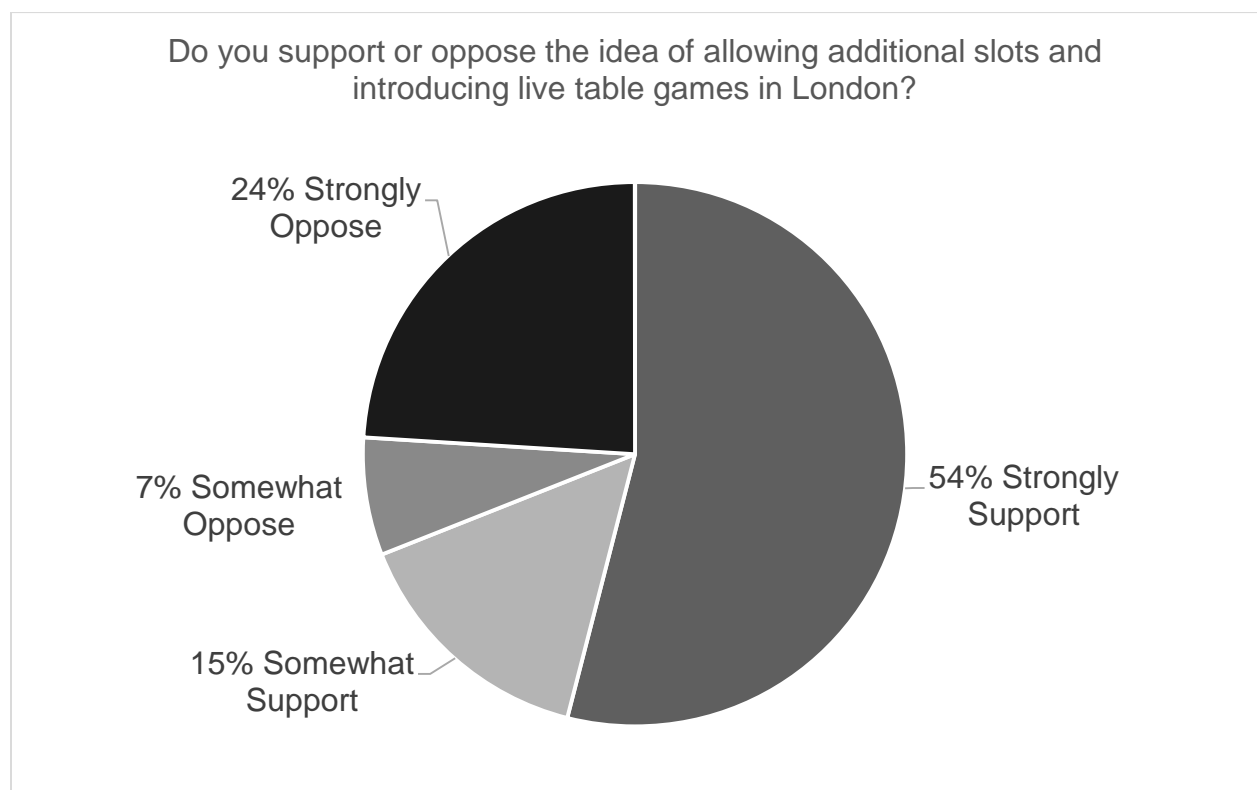
In addition, the City reached out to targeted groups in the community to ensure that they were aware of the proposal, and invited them to participate and/or to provide comments in writing. These groups included:

- Canadian Mental Health Association – Middlesex
- Addiction Services Thames Valley
- Youth Outreach Worker - Youth Gambling Program, YMCA

Communication with these groups informed them that the City is considering expanding gaming in London, is seeking input from the public, and is making an effort to engage with all relevant stakeholders to assist Council in evaluating and making a decision on the future of gaming in the city. An overview of the options to participate was provided to these groups (engagement website, key dates for online survey, open house and information session and public participation meeting). As well, the City asked representatives from these groups to share information about the engagement process with their networks and encouraged them to submit any additional comments or feedback as individual organizations. To date, the City has not received specific comments directly from any of the groups, however, they may submit information through the public participation meeting.

### Online Survey Results

The following section provides a summary of the results from the Get Involved website. During the posting of the survey on the website, which was open from March 8 - 28, 2018, there were 1,768 visitors to the site, and 727 individuals participated in the survey. To measure support for the expansion of gaming in London, survey participants were asked to respond to three questions. A summary of the results for the survey, as well as other public consultation feedback is provided in Appendix 'B'. To assist Council in their consideration of a resolution, Civic Administration has provided below the results of the overall opinion question, which asked the public whether it supports or is opposed to the expansion of gaming in London.



## DRAFT RESOLUTION

In accordance with O. Reg. 81/12 of the *Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation Act, 1999*, should Council wish to support the expansion of a gaming site in London, the following resolution has been provided below for consideration at the April 23, 2018 meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee:

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Corporate Services and City Treasurer, Chief Financial Officer, the expansion of a gaming site to include entertainment options that would allow for up to 1,200 slots at a casino, and up to 50 live table games, within the jurisdiction of The Corporation of the City of London, BE ENDORSED; it being noted that The Corporation of the City of London:

- is already a current Ontario Lottery Gaming host gaming municipality to an existing slots facility;
- passed a resolution, on June 12, 2012, advising the Ontario Lottery Gaming Commission and the Provincial Government that The Corporation of the City of London is a willing host community and supports the continuation of the Western Fair District (WFD) as a gaming site and as a site for an expanded gaming program; and
- has undertaken steps under Regulation 81-12 of the *Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation Act, 1999*, including advertising and acquirement of public feedback, to confirm its support for expanded gambling within its jurisdiction.

<b>CONCLUSION</b>
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This report presents the results of the public consultation process completed during the month of March regarding the expansion of a proposed gaming site in the city. To date, the process has included a public open house and information session, as well as a survey to measure support for expanded gaming in London. Further, a public participation meeting is planned to be held at the April 23, 2018 meeting of the Strategic and Priorities and Policy Committee, to invite the public to provide input directly to the committee regarding proposed gaming expansion in London. The public consultation process implemented by the City satisfies the requirements set out in O. Reg. 81/12 of the *Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation Act, 1999*. Should Council wish to support the expansion of a gaming site in London, a draft resolution is provided for their consideration.

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Attach:       Appendix 'A' – Display Boards for Public Open House and Information Session  
                   Appendix 'B' – Summary of Public Consultation Results

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## APPENDIX "A"

### Display Boards for Public Open House and Information Session




## Expanded Gaming - Participate

Take our survey:  
**[getinvolved.london.ca](http://getinvolved.london.ca)**

Public Participation Meeting:  
**April 23 at 4 p.m. at City Hall**

[london.ca](http://london.ca)



## Expanded Gaming - Background

- Currently there are 738 slot machines at the Western Fair District.
- These slots are operated by Gateway Casinos & Entertainment Limited on behalf of The Ontario Lottery and Gaming Corporation (OLG).
- The City of London is seeking public input to inform a Council resolution that would allow for expanded gaming, if passed.

[london.ca](http://london.ca)

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#### Expanded Gaming – Key Facts

- This consultation is focused only on whether or not to expand gaming in London.
- Although the current site for gaming in London is at the Western Fair District, a decision has not been made regarding a site for future gaming.
- At this stage, because only expanded gaming is being considered, an alternative location to the current site is not part of the discussion.
- If expanded gaming is passed by Council, Londoners would have the opportunity to provide feedback through a future planning application process (Official Plan and/or Zoning By-law amendment).

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#### What is expanded gaming?

The OLG Modernization and Casino Operating and Services Agreement allows for up to 1,200 slots at a casino as well as up to 50 live table games.

Live table games include games such as poker, black jack, roulette and others.

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#### Expanded Gaming – Financial Impacts

- Currently the City has a contribution agreement with the OLG for the slot revenues from Western Fair District.
- Under the contribution agreement, the City receives a percentage of slot revenues, based on a standardized formula. In 2017, this payment was approximately \$5 million from the OLG through its operations at the Western Fair District.
- These revenues are used at Council's discretion to fund infrastructure investments and other capital projects.
- If there is an expansion of gaming the City would receive increased revenues, based on this agreement.



## APPENDIX 'B'

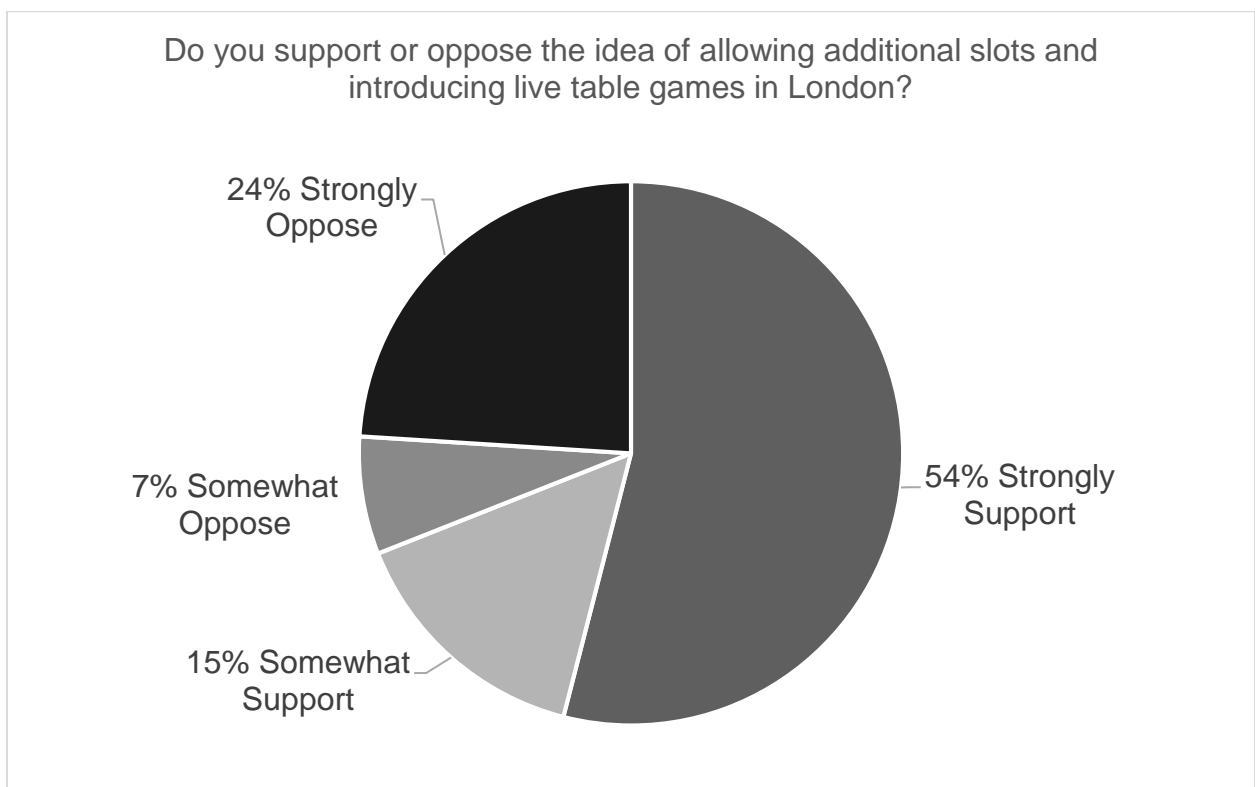
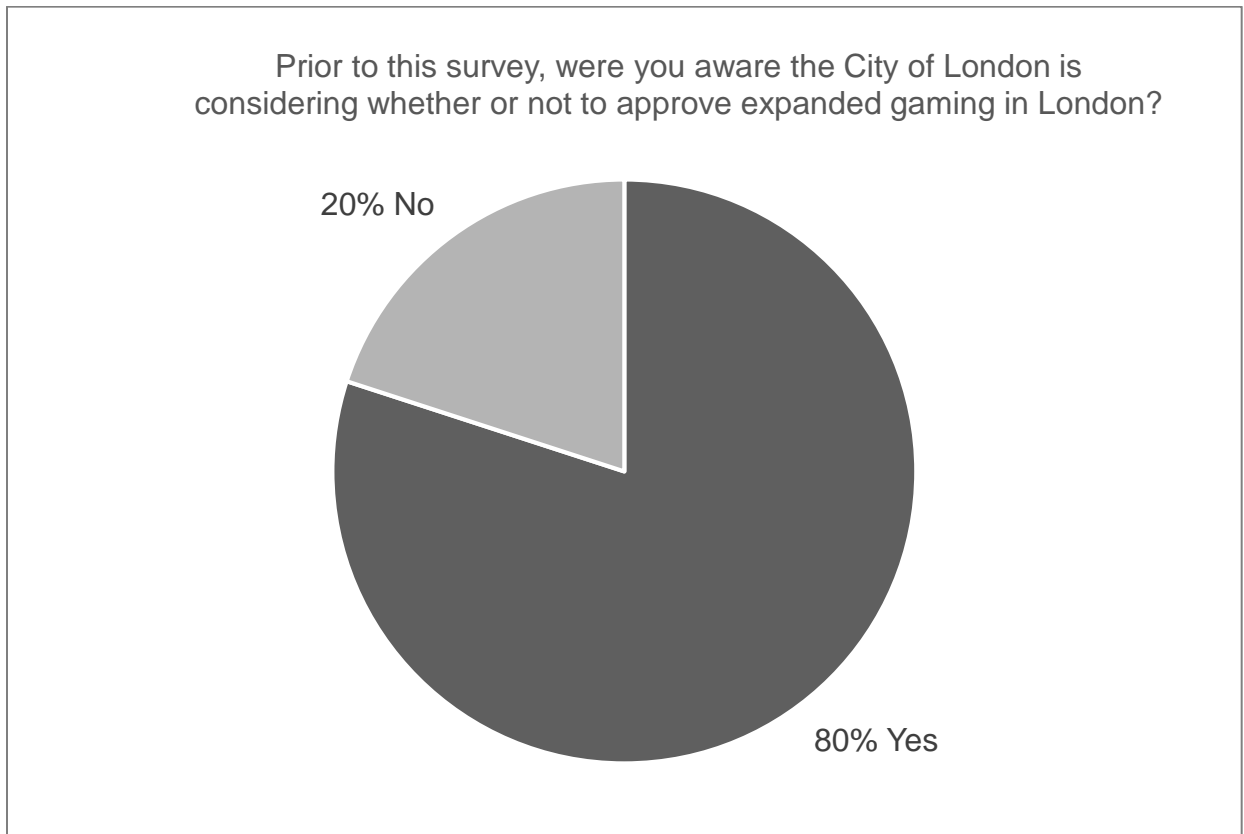
### Summary of Public Consultation Results

#### Get Involved website

#### Survey results:

- Visitors to the site: 1,768
- Survey participants: 727

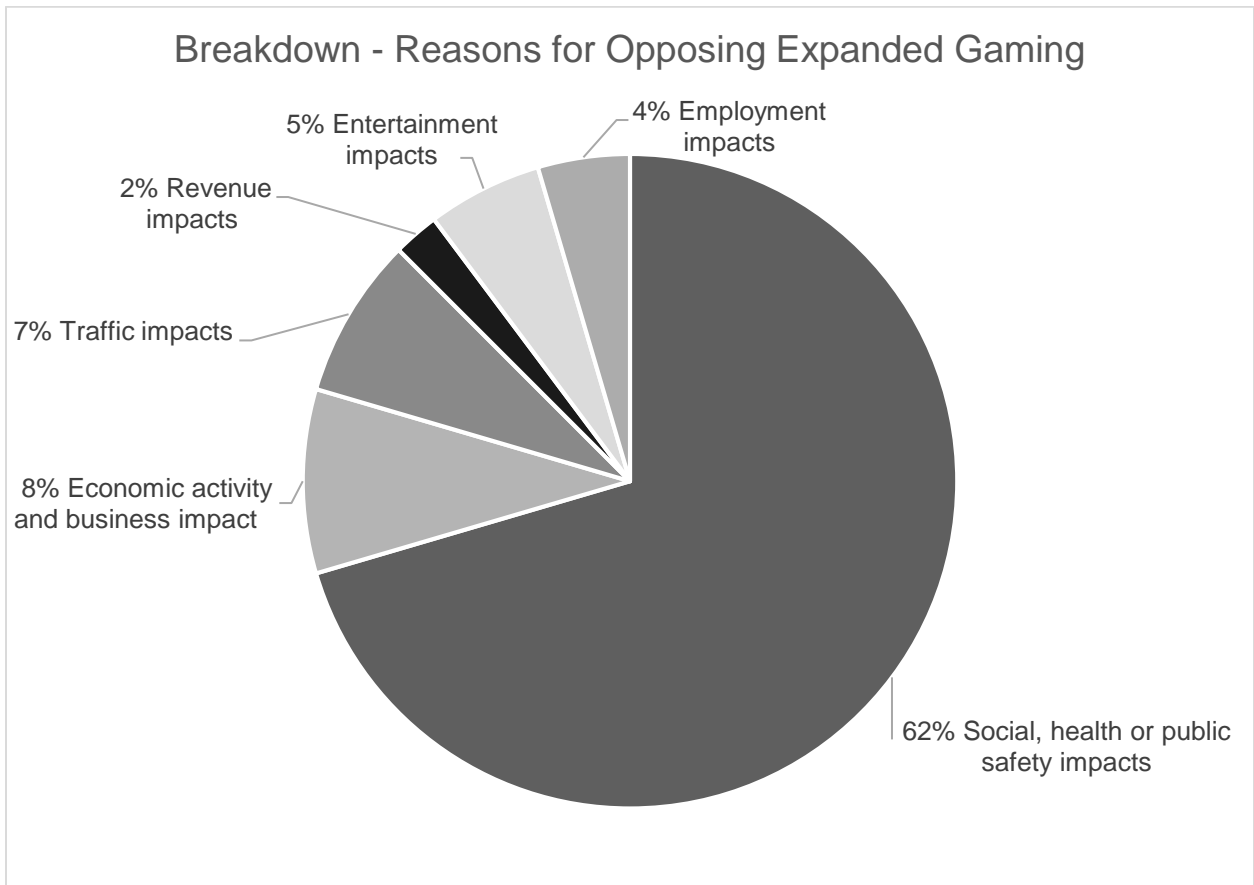
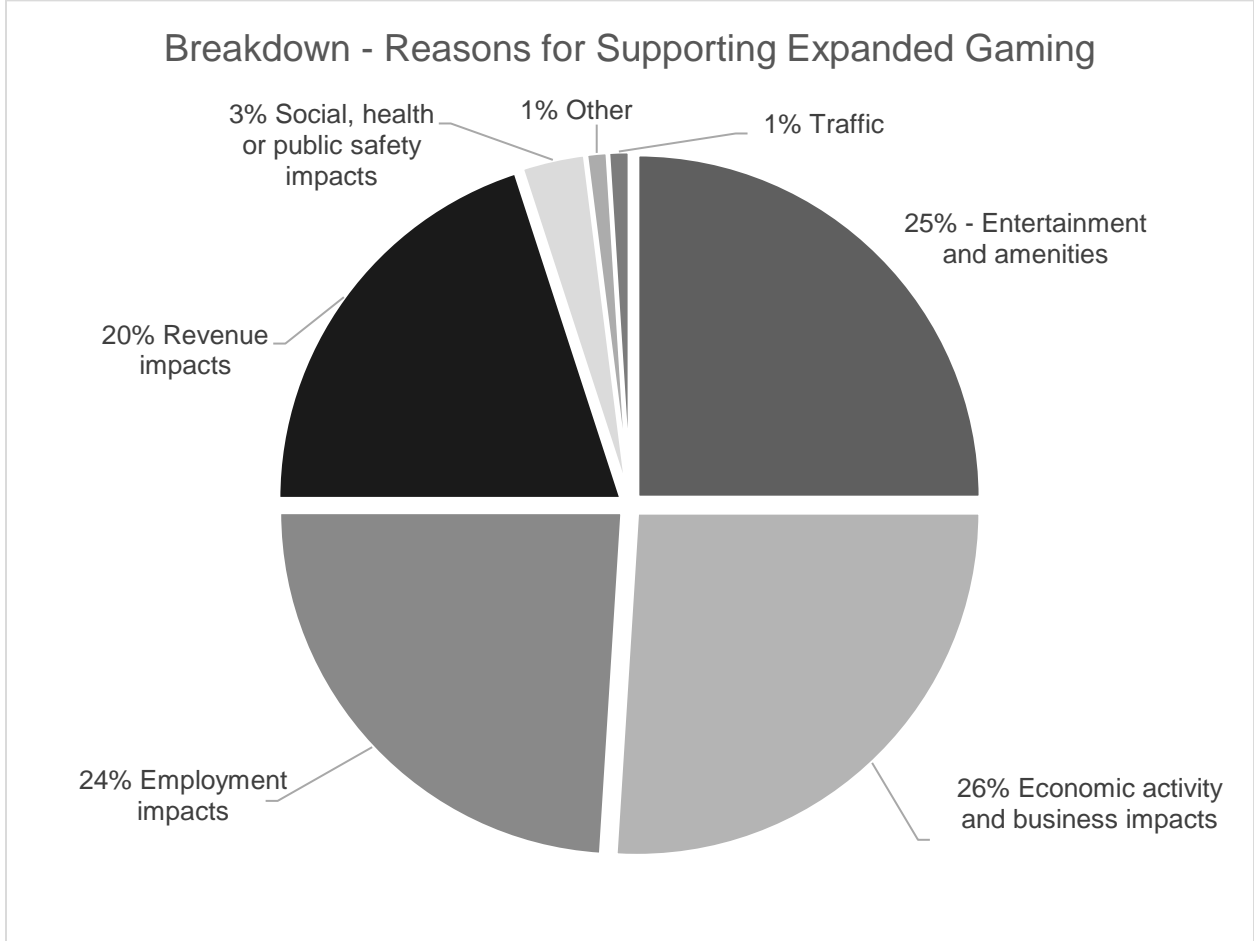
The following tables provide a summary of the results to the survey questions.



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Summary of Public Consultation Results

Get Involved website – Continued



## APPENDIX 'B'

### Summary of Public Consultation Results

#### Public Comments – Get Involved website

Have you seen the people that play at the casino slots? They are smokers and look like drugies. Do we want more people to become like that? Casinos are designed for people to loose money, 30% chances of winning. Why are we encouraging this in our society?
concern with regard to negatively impacting the western fair and current fair buildings
If we turn this down another communtiy close by will reep the rewards. I would rather play in my city then going to another community as I do now
Gaming is addictive. Poor people get poorer. Negative social impact on families.
Provides more jobs in London .Provides a larger tax base.
City wastes a lot of money and I am tired of paying for the crazy ideas Matt brown wants. BRT, flex street, back to the river.. letÂ's tax rather stupid that gamble to pay for these stupid ideas instead of me b
Gambling additions are a huge concern for some. I'm not sure additional slots would be a responsible thing for the city of London to back.
Gaming preys on those who often can least afford it, or are addicted to it. Gaming should be available to those who can most afford it and not miss their assured losses. Let those who have money to lose travel to gaming locations such as Windsor or Vegas and not to ones in our own backyard.
Would you like your kids to go and play there one day? If "NO" do not do it. If "YES", then go ahead add to it.
I enjoy live table games
With everything going on in Old East, this area of town is coming back to life, which is amazing. With the factory, redevelopment of the McCormick Lands, the craft breweries, etc. all starting up it is becoming seen as the entertainment district for the City. This area of town has needed attention for some time, and allowing expansion of gaming at the Western Fair is one way to get us there. I think this neighbourhood has the potential to become a new, postive area of town despite it's recent history. Supporting initiatives like this will allow this area to continue to thrive, and for lack of better term, will no longer be such an "eye sore" as gaming expansion will bring jobs and other opportunities in the nearby area. The majority of time when someone comes to London, they enter the City from the east end, and they see Hamilton Road and Dundas Street, areas which have fallen behind. It's important to make these corridors as attractive as possible as they are gateways to our City's. I live on the west end, and as nice as it is that this is where development is focused no one from out of town sees it, and it's not how we are judged by every other municipality. We need to continue to invest in the east end of London.
I'm in recovery from a Gambling Addiction & I personally Believe that up grading the Casino here in London ont would cause more problems than good
London had a referendum on casinos. The vote was clearly against them. If you are to proceed with a casino, other than slots, there should be another referendum.
not needed
Government endorsed gambling just to make a few bucks is wrong. Very little revenue generated goes back to the community. It's like a giant cash vacuum. Build an area that's a much larger attraction for families and people out of town.
Tourism
I don't use the facility myself
The bigger the pile of money, the more the criminals.
Gambling is a zero-sum activity that uses human time and resources but produces nothing.
Moral corruption
Silly idea

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#### Public Comments – Get Involved website – Continued

Gambling is an unfortunate way to prey on the desperate and financially unsophisticated.
There is a place for gaming entertainment and it is adequately covered at present. Destroying the inner fabric of the city based on further revenue for Council and all that entails does not seem to me to be a satisfactory argument. Thank you.
The casino is large enough in its current form and doesn't drive tourism. Rather, it simply takes money from people who might not be able to afford to lose it and reallocates it to OLG. If London kept a larger share I would be more in support, but \$5 million is not enough to warrant expansion here.
do not know enough about it
I believe that this is a strong fit with the highly successful slots program at Western Fair; expanding to table games keeps that operation competitive. Failing to expand to table games will simply mean that players interested in that opportunity will go elsewhere; why would we do that if we have the space/opportunity to build on the current success of the Western Fair Slots Program?
Government sponsored casino gambling ... parallels the separate and unequal life patterns in education, marriage, work, and play that increasingly divide us into haves and have-nots. Those in the upper ranks of the income distribution rarely, if ever, make it a weekly habit to gamble at the local casino. Those in the lower ranks of the income distribution often do. Those in the upper ranks rarely, if ever, contribute a large share of their income to the state's take of casino revenues. Those in the lower ranks do!
Increased gambling addiction among citizens: London government should not be treating Londoners as expendable.
Frequent users can not afford to gamble it is destroying families
Keep casino gaming revenue in local instead of going out to Lasvegas.
Casinos are the saddest places on earth
The result of a desperate Provincial Government's attempt to raise revenue, in any manner possible. Do people really want to gamble as the Liberals believe? Too many people lost their jobs, and horses their lives, with the cancellation of the slots at racetracks. This Provincial Government is totally amoral.
London has the opportunity to be a world class "destination city", look at what full casino's have done for tourism in Windsor and Niagara.
Gaming is immoral and addictive
What has been put in place, to help the people with a gambling addiction? My ex husband has gone bankrupt twice, as well as lost his job do to gambling. There was not much help out there for the families.
The poor go who can't afford to lose and can't live on their minimal incomes. It's a lose lose for them.
Any expansion will inevitably require a contribution from the taxpayers. We have other things to spend their money on too.
Tourisim and keeping money with in the city rather then people traveling to Windsor, Niagara, Sarnia or Brantford
Gambling is not a social activity that I feel should be promoted. Ultimately criminals are involved.
Contributes to the ever growing problem gambler and affects the community negatively as a whole
Live entertainment in an area that's already being developed. There is already live horse racing.
I now go to Caesar's in Windsor. London is too small for me and not enough slots to play on.
How would expansion of current site affect parking? Variety of events at the 2 sites cause full parking. Concerned that another new construction project means more reduced or eliminated parking.

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#### Public Comments – Get Involved website – Continued

Parking is already terrible
Gaming does not attract tourists to city and so is not a true economic development opportunity. The revenue it raises is typically from those who can't really afford to play.
Gambling is cancerous, this is enabling addicts to throw their financial status to the bin and support the already wealthy.
Addiction danger
Use of Western Fair space needs planning
You haven't seen desperation until you've watched someone feed all their cash into a machine, then use the credit card for a cash advance, then ask you to cash a cheque for them all in the hopes of hitting a jackpot
Addictions that ruin lives and the cost of rehabilitation.
This is entertainment that a municipal government should not be able to stop a reasonable amount of expansion.
Will bring lots of people to the city to spend money
Families are hurt by addictions.
Expanded gaming and casinos will not have a positive impact on our community and will support addictive gambling addictions from some of our most vulnerable populations. There are insufficient public benefits to allowing this expansion of gambling in our community
from News in the Globe, Gateway is clearly not a good business to work with. Why is this not being published in the Free Press
Concern re Western Fair's agricultural and entertainment (Fall Fair)
Gambling addictions are my main concern and lack of help for addiction; also concerned about access for people who should obviously not gamble
The concept on which the expansion is based e.g. a self-enclosed experience with hotel and restaurants can be harmful to local economies. It would be useful to discuss how they could connect and have synergy with what is occurring around them beyond purchasing local products.

#### Public Comments – Social Media

Facebook Comments
<p><b>City Post:</b> We're considering expanded gaming in London. We need your input to assist Council on making a decision on future gaming in the city. Take our quick survey and attend our Open House on March 22. Learn more: <a href="https://getinvolved.london.ca/expansion-gaming">https://getinvolved.london.ca/expansion-gaming</a></p> <p>Comment: Kill it with fire. Governments, including the city, should have nothing to do with gambling. Exploiting citizens for a few tax dollars? Nope.</p> <p>Reply: Not sure I could express my views more succinctly. then this. What he said.</p> <p>Comment: As someone who has seen the effects of gambling addiction, I'd rather see all gaming ended, not expanded. And no....this is not an isolated case. It is rampant. Shame on those who promote it.</p> <p>Comment: Where do the profits from the casinos go. Give me a rundown first, then I'll let you know what I think.</p> <p>Comment: If you don't act now it will (already is) go to someplace else.....quit deferring things!</p> <p>Comment: Why would you not want a huge hotel/casino in a larger city!? Hop to it!</p>

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#### Public Comments – Social Media – Continued

Comment: Time and again it has been shown that government-sponsored gambling is just a tax primarily imposed on those who are least able to afford it and that it is clearly motivated as an auxiliary revenue stream which makes having any genuine care for those who are most directly impacted an inherent financial conflict of interest for the Provincial and the Municipal Governments. As such, I'm \*totally\* against any kind or form of increasing these kinds of inequitable, predatory, illicit, under-the-table, taxation methods. How about you put a hefty municipal tax on driving luxury cars to make up that revenue instead? Oh, you say that rich people don't want to pay more taxes? I'm shocked...

Comment: Expand all you want. Just make sure there is prayer rooms.

Comment: Do it! I love table games! Slots are boring.

Comment: The mayor and council do not care what anyone thinks. They do as they want.

**City Post:** The City of London is considering expanded gaming in London. Learn more and provide your input at our Public Open House and Information Session this Thursday at Kiwanis Seniors' Community Centre from 6 - 8 p.m.

Can't make it to the Open House? No problem. You can take our quick survey online here: <https://getinvolved.london.ca/expansion-gaming>

**Comment:** And here I was hoping for D&D gaming

Reply: Or an arcade.

Reply: Or a huge indoor jumping castle.

Reply: if only..

Comment: Expand something useful like bike lanes. Stop expanding things that only make people miserable. Try spending money where it is actually needed. Fools and their money...

Reply: The city isn't spending the money

Reply: Bike lanes that people don't use

Reply: London is so far behind the times on this issue. A casino takes your money and the stress kills people. Bikes help people live longer.

Reply: Money raised from projects like this is what pays for your bike lanes.

Reply: Would the city be providing real info on this? The old crap of look we make X amount in tax revenue but fail to mention that the city will pay out double that in funding. How about other impacts, like increasing police cost in that area, because other cities have found the crime rate go up around gaming facilities.

Reply: I would like to see more bike lanes too. Maybe a bigger casino will pay for it. And maybe better facilities will mean we get better entertainment acts stopping in London. For a city our size we don't get a lot of really good entertainment.

Reply: A casino would bring more revenue in for the city... especially with the new Ikea and that coming. People might actually spend a weekend or week in London doing things instead of passing by

Comment: London gamblers are leaving London to spend their money on tables and hotels and restaurants so it might as well be here and keep the revenue in London.

Reply: 100% agreed

Comment: get it done Build in London or lose out again on jobs...lets get together fast on this one before it goes away like so many have done..

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#### Public Comments – Social Media – Continued

Comment: It speaks volumes that they try and hide this in plain sight, why not call it "expanded gambling"? Why is there a picture of not-gaming, when any other proposal might show the indicated activity through its picture? Maybe I'm nitpicking, but I feel like London Council must be hoping this slips by under peoples noses before we can argue against it!

Comment: \$5 million extra revenue is tempting.... expanding it is even more tempting, as you don't need to raise taxes to get more income for the city. So, if you don't want this, are you willing to accept a tax hike?

\$ 5 million already saves a family of four about 60\$ a year on taxes... \$5 a month. Expanding it with, say, \$10 million more revenues would chip off \$10 a month of your current property tax bill. Or have more services available....like all the wishes above... add a flurry of extra jobs, and there is even more gain. More tourists coming? = even more income for the city.

But... what about the "but"s? Extra costs of addictions in gambling? Extra traffic =more and wider roads? =another expense. Missing all that data and considerations.

Comment: I don't see how this will be a positive benefit to the community. Increased revenue is the only upside I can see and it doesn't outweigh the costs.

Reply: Its not costing the city anything. They rent the land right now but the city dosnt tell you how many millions they make off that in a year. They want to buy the land and expand if not they want to build some were else. Its more money for the city not less and more jobs. This city leaders don't have a clue of what they are doing.

Reply: I wasn't talking about monetary cost...

Reply: Umm... lots of jobs? Positive impact on surrounding businesses? Brings more visitors to London?

Reply: What costs!!??.

Reply: How many more problem gamblers will this create? Why would a government condone something that for the most part does harm? Sure they say it's entertainment and stay within your limits but the system is rigged in the house's favour. It's a con game the government makes billions a year across the province on. So you can teach your kids the harms of gambling but what happens when they become a problem gambler and rob you blind? The government sure isn't going to give you your money back.

Comment: Expanded gaming in Chatham possibly. Already gaming in Sarnia and Brantford. Less than 1 and a half hours away. Maybe its worth it? Maybe not.

Comment: Money should not be used to divide or harass solving problems and bringing harmony should be first and last in jobs to govern in the city hall mislead should be stopped it's not easy but can be done to protect the civil and descent into the city build what's needed first

Comment: Just what London needs to help the addicted crack addicts

Reply: It's mostly older people at the casino. Loosing your inheritance you ungrateful brats!

Reply: Sorry I live in london, casino money didn't help fund the schools like goverment officals promised.. what does inheritance mean?

Comment: Why is Western Fair allowed to buy up private property tax paying homes a day to pay the City of London anything close to what we should be getting ?

London does not own Western Fair properties ! Every time they purchase another home to tear down to make more parking , we have lost more tax revenue . Guess who picks up the short fall !

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#### Public Comments – Social Media – Continued

Reply: But the casino would bring in more tax revenue than a house now wouldn't it? Not saying I'd like to lose houses especially with the cost being so obscene these days but it's better for the city to have a casino with consistent revenue unfortunately.

Comment: Nevermind the slots. London just needs a poker club

Comment: London needs other things before this

Reply: Such as? What else is going to bring in as much revenue? \*serious question\*

Comment: London Ontario expanding gaming? I have no idea what these means but hey, gaming is awesome. [#PCMASTERRACE](#)

Comment: Just let the private business, run its business! City officials can't run the city, little own a business

Comment: Expanding gaming in london, just don't spend it on Ubisoft. They're such a shit company.

Comment: Come on. The province depends on this money. \$2 billion last year.

Comment: try expanding stuff like gardening areas where people can go and grow their own gardens ....

Comment: Expand add a hotel and meeting centre link it to the race track the economic spin offs would be huge for east end

Comment: YES!

Comment: Survey done ..... No

Comment: No!!!

Comment: No we don't need it

Comment: Sorry for the word mistakes

Comment: Blackjack baby!

Comment: No!

**City Post:** Do you support or oppose the idea of expanded gaming in London? We want to know. Take our quick survey online: <https://getinvolved.london.ca/expansion-gaming>

Comment: Maybe London should focus more on affordable housing and less on trying to take more money from people with gambling addictions.

Comment: This dog and pony show of community engagement is beyond absurd:

Considering that the ONLY thing City Council sees in this proposal is legions of giant dollar-signs dancing above their heads, there's no chance at all that politicians are going to let ANY semblance of social responsibility, decency or morality stand between them and those sweet, sweet, non-tax revenues...



## APPENDIX 'B'

### Summary of Public Consultation Results

#### Public Comments – Social Media – Continued

Comment: Does the city have a measure in place to help people with gambling problems?

This should be asked first rather than how are we going to scam the rest of your hard earned dollar

Comment: does it really matter what we say, you always do what you want to do anyways despite what londoners say.

Comment: Just is radicular the Municipal Government want to expand the Casino use the money for something else

#### Twitter Comments

Why bother? There was a majority of residents who voted against gaming previously and council totally ignored it and implemented gaming. [#fakeconsultation](#)

WOOOHOOO about time !!

Expand Gambling EXPAND PROBLEMS LndOnt.spend\$\$ for save injection zones,clean needles, Methadon Clinics TO PROTECT CITIZENS FROM THEMSELVES NonTRANSPARENT CASINO DECEIVES LOOSE NECESSARY & Essential \$\$ in a FIXED OUTCOME Machine STOP MISLEADING-PROTECT Citizens from themselves

Yes just what the community needs more gambling. How about we legalize pot too. Oh wait we are. Liberals are destroying out Nation. But make sure you don't use Sir or Madam or Miss or Mr. Cause the polite terminology is not right anymore. Ba ha ha. The absurdity of it