



London
CANADA

DATE: May 22, 2018

TO: Chair and Members
Accessibility Advisory Committee

FROM: Cathy Saunders, City Clerk

RE: Statement at Council and Standing Committee Meetings –
Supportive Devices

The Accessibility Advisory Committee requested:

- “c) that the following actions be taken with respect to the Policy Sub-Committee report from the meeting held on July 4, 2017:
 - i) Municipal Council BE REQUESTED to read a statement, in the spirit of the following, prior to each Council and Standing Committee meeting:

"The City of London is committed to fostering an accessible and inclusive community wherein all members of the public have equitable access to Municipal Council and its activities. To facilitate this environment, the City of London offers supportive devices, communications supports and adaptive technologies to those in attendance and those off-site. If you require assistance, please contact the City Clerk;".

The Civic Administration has reviewed the above request and will be posting the following statement on:

- a) Council and Standing Committee Agendas;
- b) the meeting page of the City of London’s website; and
- c) the slide deck displayed in the Council Chambers prior to the commencement of a meeting:

The City of London is committed to making every effort to provide supportive devices, communication supports and adaptive technologies to those in attendance at Council and Standing Committee meetings, should they be requested. Please contact the City’s Specialist I, Municipal Policy (AODA) with respect to any accommodations required for a Council or Standing Committee meeting, or other City service, at 519-661-2489 ext. 2425 or cdasilva@london.ca.

Rationale: Advising members of the public to request the above-noted supports at the beginning of a meeting would not always provide sufficient lead time to put the supports in place for the meeting for which they are being requested. By including the statement on Agendas and the City of London’s website, individuals will have the opportunity to request the supports with as much lead time as possible for staff to address those requests.

On the rare occasion that a Council or Standing Committee meeting is held at an alternate venue, the City may not have access to the same support infrastructure available in the Council Chambers. However the City will still make every effort to put in place suitable accommodations to meet the needs of an individual.