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Dear Colleagues,

On June 28th I met with members of the Accessibility Advisory Committee to discuss frustrations with the City of London's response to the committee's suggestions and overall plan for our community.

As requested in the June 12th, 2018 resolution, I am reporting back with details in respect to what was discussed and how we can find a way forward together.

The committee's frustration stems from what is described as an overall lack of support from City staff and City Council compounded by questions surrounding accountability.

As a result, the Accessibility Advisory Committee is asking that the following immediate actions items be addressed;

**Within the next 30 days:**

- A statement be read at all City Meetings, noted on agendas and signage be posted near the entrance of City Hall and outside Council Chambers that reads: *"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."*
- Create an active motions list and deferred matters list outlining all former Accessibility Advisory Committee requests
- Update the Accessibility Advisory Committee's terms of reference to replace "association of the elimination of hate" with "newcomers to Canada or Multicultural" (See Appendix I)
- Actively help in recruiting both voting and non-voting vacant positions on the Accessibility Advisory Committee
- The creation of a past Chair, non-voting position on the Accessibility Advisory Committee
- City Staff provide data on accessible taxis. This information has been requested from Civic Administration.

**Within in the next 90 days:**

- Captions added to all City of London Committee and Council YouTube videos, in future videos on the City of London website and YouTube channel.
- Accessible pathways be required during all road and sidewalk construction
- Update Facilities Accessibility Design Standards. This document was developed implemented in 2007. Eleven years later, it requires updating. Consultation with the Accessibility Advisory Committee occurred for an update in 2017 but no further updates have been completed.
- Continued progress on Community Gardens, these gardens have been mostly completed and the next 4 gardens require

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upgrades. It has been noted these upgrades are planned this calendar year.

**Future actions:**

- Have a meeting of Advisory Committee Chairs with new Council in December of 2018
- Investments in accessibility be considered during the next multi- year budget
- Consideration of the 3 major asks from input obtained at the Accessibility Advisory Committee's Community Open Houses which included: Para-transit, infrastructure and employment. Specifics of which are included in attached slideshow from Advisory Committees presentation of May 28<sup>th</sup>. (See Appendix II)

**It is REQUESTED that;**

1. This letter be received by City Council.
2. The immediate action items as noted above be addressed by City of London Civic Administration.

Sincerely,

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