

Nature London

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Mayor and Members of City Council City of London 300 Dufferin Avenue London, Ontario N6B 1Z2

Dear Mayor and Members of City Council:

We are writing to you with respect to Ontario's recently introduced legislation, Bill 66.

Nature London supports the staff report as well as the Planning and Environment Committee (PEC) recommendation regarding Bill 66. Furthermore, Nature London recommends that any policy that Council develops related to the use of an *Open-for-Business By-law*, as outlined in the final form of Bill 66 and its regulations, shall include the following:

No natural heritage, environmental or health and safety policies, such as safe drinking water policies, whether in the London Plan, provincial or federal policies, shall be overridden.

In addition, Nature London agrees with the staff and Committee position that public consultation is important and should never be left out of any land use planning process.

Sincerely,

Sandy Levin

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Chair, Conservation Action Committee

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