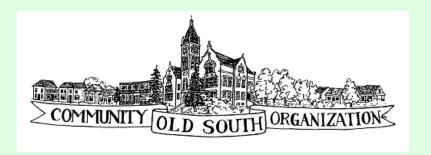
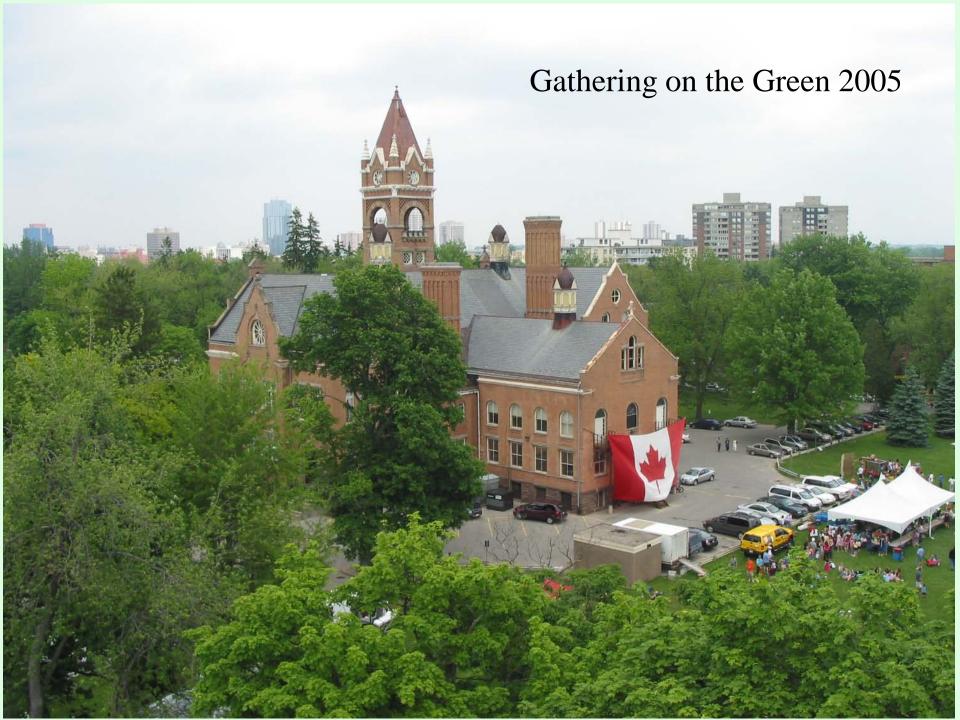


# The Normal School

FASC Meeting, November 26 2012







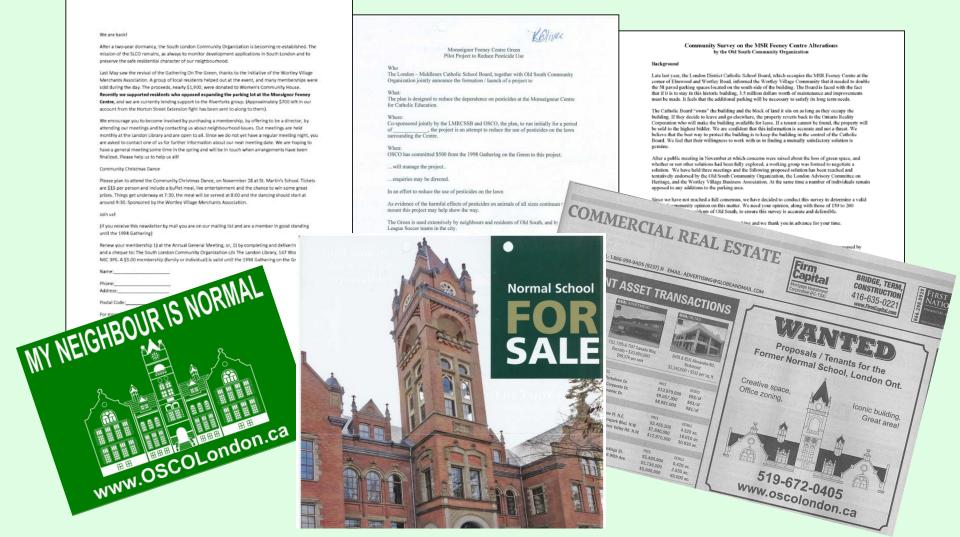
# Old South Community Organization & the Normal School

- Established 1974
- Over 700 current members
- 30 years hosting Gathering on the Green
- 'Back to Normal' Committee established 2005
- Assumed the role of protectors of this space
- Provided community evaluation of this proposal

#### OSCO & The Normal School, cont'd

#### 1992 - Parking

#### 1998 - Pesticide Use 2005 - Parking Survey



### The opportunity before us

- Vacant since 2007 opportunity cost is real
- Empty buildings don't support communities
- Only way to preserve park for us / for good
- Youth + Centre of Excellence = great idea!
- Y actively supports wide participation
- New "community space" to be created

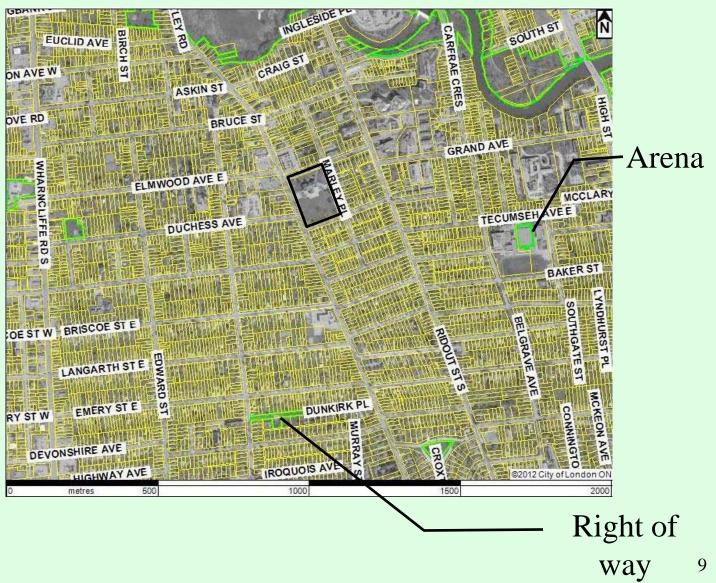
#### **EOI Process & Results**

- Was a success congratulations & thanks
- Good news excellent proposal emerged
- Community is behind it (scored 87/100)
- Bring valuable services / activity to this site
- Breathes new life into this building
- Operating costs can be covered
- Capital dollars are required to enable this

### Adopt a Park? We'd be happy to!



#### Where will it be?



# Compare & Contrast



# The "Greening" of Old South

- Underserviced with respect to parks
- The Green is our unofficial park but is not actually a park
- Have to squawk at the province to maintain it properly
- Playing field is barely functional

### Community Park Maintenance

## Old South Community Organization Financial Report

for the months of June, July & August, 2009

and for the stub period to September 8, 2009

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Expenditures for the period
Annual Web hosting renewal
Purchase of trees
Sod for Green

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### Next steps

- Found a partner with a plan that fits
- Acquire property and fix the interior
- We provide: motivated and reliable community with enviable track record
- Help us realize our goal of securing a park and protecting the building

• Province has delivered – time for London to

# Our Community builds Community\*

- Residents are involved in improving our neighbourhood. (1st of 30)
- Actively participate in protecting built and / or natural heritage. (1st of 30)
- Living in this neighbourhood gives me a sense of pride. (3<sup>rd</sup> of 30)
- People join together to act on issues of concern. (1st of 30)

# Please Vote for Option A