The Normal School

FASC Meeting, November 26 2012
Gathering on the Green 2005
Award winning exterior renovation
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!

Gather
Clean
Love your park

Adopt-A-Park is a program which partners the City of London with interested community groups, working together to increase the cleanliness and beauty of our city parks.

Groups of all types and sizes can Adopt-A-Park

- Service clubs
- School groups
- Sports clubs or teams
- Running, walking, biking groups
- Local businesses
- Faith groups
- Nature enthusiasts
- Neighbourhood associations
Where will it be?

[Map showing locations marked as "Arena" and "Right of way".

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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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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. (1\textsuperscript{st} of 30)
• Actively participate in protecting built and / or natural heritage. (1\textsuperscript{st} of 30)
• Living in this neighbourhood gives me a sense of pride. (3\textsuperscript{rd} of 30)
• People join together to act on issues of concern. (1\textsuperscript{st} of 30)

Please Vote for Option A