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Ms. Cathy Saunders; City Clerk,

Request this brief be added to Strategic Priorities & Policy Committee Agenda #4; 4.1 Review of city services for potential reductions and eliminations. Note London Free Press article dated 7/25/19

"Spending scrutinized as budget battle begins".

Given the last election common themes were at least 3 major crisis existed. An examination of the following period raises questions as to how valid was this claim. There is a major thrust to use technology to make cities better (smarter); however, when does doing sensible take over to reality? What data validates the thrust to saving all the world by going to high tech data driven ideas ? An examination of BRT savings (longer time on buses reduces accidents) and signalization advancements will not impact traffic on a corridor today but will save "seconds" many times over a year! What is the facts?

The business cases for the 10 projects were not complete when submitted; however the budget chair and ward 2 Councillor have met with staff to get answers on that signal system ( CFPL radio). The public was not part of those discussions! Just as the public has never seen the conclusion of UWO negotiations on the list of demands although an update was promised.

As you start this process the public should watch Councillors from each ward raise questions and debate each area! This should not be left to the budget chair. The content is as important as the policy of setting a target. If Councillors are now prevented from getting into the "Weeds", as raised in a London Free Press article, the public loses. My concern is this format contributes to sensorship and speeds up process by several hours.

In considering my concern it is apparent data from city transportation study; paratransit ridership; bike ridership ignored from current survey; 2016 census; neighbourhood data (43 )..

I believe it is time to seriously consider actual BRT impact during next 4 years (business case and timing different than in original case) and consider what is essential in the noted crisis period as opposed to building to standards which destroy so called valuable farm land covering decades..

Finally, I believe you must better identify the role of staff verses councillors and ensure accountability of each in their role. This was raised in last two years and referred to Integrity Commissioner . As noted in budget deliberations this still has not been addressed.

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