

<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE MEETING OF NOVEMBER 16, 2011</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>GRANT HOPCROFT, DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND COMMUNITY LIAISON</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>CANADA UKRAINE MUNICIPAL LOCAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM – MISSION TO UKRAINE</b>

<b>RECOMMENDATION</b>
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That, on the recommendation of the Director of Intergovernmental and Community Liaison, the following report on the City of London's participation in the Ukraine Municipal Local Economic Development Program **BE RECEIVED**.

<b>PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER</b>
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January 27, 2010 Board of Control  
December 15, 2010 Finance and Administration Committee  
March 30, 2011 Finance and Administration Committee  
June 15, 2011 Finance and Administration Committee

<b>BACKGROUND</b>
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London is one of thirteen Canadian municipalities participating in the five year Ukraine Municipal Local Economic Development (MLED) Project of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), a project funded by the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA). A summary of the program is posted on the FCM website at <http://www.fcm.ca/home/programs/international/municipal-local-economic-development---ukraine.htm>. All travel expenses for participation in the program are funded by CIDA.

The City of London hosted a group of four Ukrainian local economic development specialists and an FCM consultant from August 14 to 16, 2011 as part of FCM's Ukraine Municipal Local Economic Development (MLED) Project. The purpose of this MLED Fellowship Program was to allow visiting Ukrainians to better understand the range of best practices in local economic development mechanisms in Canada that could be adapted to the Ukrainian context. The group was received by the Mayor and Councillors, along with City and LEDC staff. The delegates also received presentations from London Economic Development Corporation and Civic Administration on local economic development practices, toured Fanshawe College and local businesses, and were hosted by the London Ukrainian Centre.

At the request of the Ukrainian partners, London was one of three municipalities selected by FCM to travel to the Ukraine October 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> to participate in the first three day MLED workshop and to present specific London economic development practices to local economic development practitioners. The Director of Intergovernmental and Community Liaison participated in this mission to Lviv Region in Western Ukraine and the City of Kyiv. He delivered presentations of best practices on Business Improvement Areas, Business Retention and Attraction, the LEDC model, and London's partnership based approach to building economic prosperity, and participated in workshop discussions centred on the workshop presentations delivered by all three Canadian municipalities and FCM's MLED specialists.

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