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Subject: [EXTERNAL] Multi-year Budget

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Dear Mayor E. Holder and City of London Council,

On behalf of the Argyle Community Association, we believe the residents in Argyle are our most important asset!

The Street Light Local Improvement business case has our full support and we ask you to pass it in the Multi-year Budget.

Street lights should be seen by you as a basic responsibility of the City of London and a priority.

The Argyle area alone has 18 streets without street lights, many of which also lack sidewalks. Proper street lighting is essential to keep people safe, particularly the more vulnerable members of the community. Whether it is a young mother or high school student walking home from the bus stop after work, or our children coming home from the park or a friend's house, or a senior just getting in the health benefit of a walk around the block, proper street lighting makes us all safer. Without this program, the reality is we will continue to be at a disadvantage safety wise compared to newer, more affluent neighbourhoods. Residents today should not be punished for poor planning decisions of 50 years ago. Increasing pedestrian amenities on our streets will improve the quality of life for our Argyle residents.

The City of London is required to spend the tax payers dollars wisely and financing projects like Back to the River project, more public art in downtown or renovations at Fanshawe College is not a priority, certainly not when basics like street lights aren't taken care of.

The Argyle Community Association also supports our councillor, Shawn Lewis' push for WI-FI in city recreation facilities. We deserve these services at Argyle Arena as our neighbours in London west get to enjoy at Bostwick. This is also a safety and equity issue. Many of those who referee or time keep games at Argyle Arena are high school students who need to be able to stay in touch with parents to arrange rides home. Siblings would benefit from being able to access the internet to do homework or even just keep busy in what can regularly be an hour or more of time they are at the arena before the game waiting while a brother or sister gets ready. This is a low cost item with no ongoing expense, please support our community in voting yes to this as well. We, the people, elected you to put the residents of London first with careful planning of our money!

Sincerely,

Joyce Larsh, Chair
Argyle Community Association