



**Friends of Meadowlily Woods Community
Association
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**"Our Mission: To Preserve and Protect
the Integrity of Meadowlily Woods."**

**City Clerk's Office
Attn: Heather Lysinski
Planning and Environment Committee
London City Hall
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9 July 2020

Chairperson and Members of the Planning and Environment Committee,

As a result of viewing the agenda for the upcoming Planning Committee meeting, 13 July 2020, we have noticed that there is a consent item for that meeting, 2.3 regarding the Meadowlily Woods Conservation Master Plan and wanted to express some concerns about this item before the meeting. First of all we too would like to thank the consultant Nature Resource Solutions for their great work on this plan. It is thorough and shows the incredible features of Meadowlily Woods Environmentally Significant Area in all of its variety and depth. We'd also like to thank EEPAC for its detailed review and comments on this report. We appreciate that this conservation plan is moving towards its goal.

Our concern is with the timing of when this will move from a report to this committee to an official plan amendment and when we might move to the public meeting to make this process more complete. Some of the items in the report are of particular concern to us like the issue of the creek that runs from the area near Commissioners Road East and Meadowlily Road South. We have put forward to some members of

Council and to the Mayor's office that we'd like to see this creek named "Meadowlily Creek" and that relates to the "Next Steps" portion of the report at the end, Item 9, "City Planning to review records for name of unnamed watercourse between Meadowlily Rd. and Highbury Rd." We would like this concern noted as part of this process.

We would also like a sense of the timeline as to when the next portion of this issue will proceed, Item 11 of the Next Steps for this process, "City Planning to initiate an Official Plan Amendment (OPA) and Zoning By-law Amendment (ZBA) process to update the MW ESA boundary (as identified in the CMP) on Map 5 London Plan." We would prefer that this matter be dealt with soon as we have been longing to see this process completed so some of the restoration work and things like tree plantings can occur in our area.

We are also glad to see the issue of the Stevenson Camp brought forward here as we consider that history to be an important part of the heritage of our area as it pertains to the area west of Meadowlily Road South. There are several remains and ruins on that area that might be of interest to people concerned about our area and its heritage resources being valued and protected.

We would also like to remind the Planning Committee that the Friends of Meadowlily Woods on June 12, 2013 did make a presentation to the heritage advisory committee asking that the Meadowlily area be designated as a Cultural Heritage Landscape and that matter passed this committee in principle, 23 July 2013 and council at its next meeting at that time.

We value and have great regard for the stewardship and protection of our natural and heritage resources here at Meadowlily.

Sincerely,

Gary Smith, President, Friends of Meadowlily Woods