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March 1, 2013

Chair and Members
Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its session held on February 28, 2013 referred clause 6 of the 6th report of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee to the Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee for a more fulsome discussion with respect to the nature of the proposed phase 2 and the use of the requested \$25,000 in funding; it being noted that the provincially-approved Trillium Funding in the amount of \$25,000 was confirmed to be for the entire cost of the feasibility study.

Clause 6, as referred, reads as follows:

The <u>attached</u> communication dated January 31, 2013 from D. Abdi, Chair, London Multicultural Community Association with respect to the Immigrant Incubation Centre **BE RECEIVED**. (6/6/SPPC) (AS AMENDED)

March

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- CC:
- D. Abdi, Chair, London Multicultural Community Association, 691 Whitehaven Crescent, London, ON N6G 4V6
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January 31, 2013

Martin Hayward
City Treasurer and CFO
City of London

Re: London Multicultural Community Association submission – Immigrant Incubation Centre

Dear Martin:

London Multicultural Community Association has previously drafted and submitted a proposal on behalf of an Immigrant Incubation Centre for newcomers to London ON.

The proposal asks for significant investment, subject to a feasibility study. We think the more appropriate step at this point would be to gauge feasibility of how such an institution would be best structured, recognizing the unique needs of immigrants and existing services and programs in the area. We have obtained a commitment of \$25,000 from Trillium to conduct this study. We trust that the City recognizes the benefit newcomers can bring to the local community in terms of entrepreneurship, new businesses, job creation, enthusiasm, professional expertise and vitality. Therefore, we would like to request that matching funds be provided by the city to complete the feasibility study.

Should you require further information we are prepared to meet with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Deeg Abdi

Chair, London Multicultural Community Association

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