

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON MAY 7, 2013
FROM:	ART ZUIDEMA CITY MANAGER
SUBJECT:	WESTERN UNIVERSITY'S STRATEGIC PLAN

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the City Manager, the following report regarding input provided to Western University with respect to its strategic planning process **BE RECEIVED** for information.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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- None.

BACKGROUND

Western University is currently undertaking a strategic planning process, and invited the City of London to provide input.

Western's current strategic plan, *Engaging the Future*, was developed in 2006. Western is planning to renew this plan, focusing on four broad themes:

1. Providing Canada's best student experience among research intensive universities
2. Expanding and enhancing graduate programs
3. Building the research intensive university
4. Raising Western's international profile

The attached letter (Appendix A) was submitted to Western University on behalf of all individuals at the City of London who were contacted for input. This letter was developed by the Senior Leadership Team in consultation with Intergovernmental Affairs.

The letter was submitted to Western in order to meet timelines; however, should members of Council have further input, this can be shared with Western as well.

RECOMMENDED BY:
ART ZUIDEMA CITY MANAGER

cc. Senior Leadership Team