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Subject: [EXTERNAL] SPPC Meeting Sept 22 - Agenda Item # 2.3 Assessment Growth Allocation # 2 - Added Agenda

Note >> Submitted as “ Added Agenda “ for agenda item # 2.3 >> Assessment Growth Allocation # 2

Mayor Holder – Members of Council ;

Please consider the following as feedback for your consideration and action going forward ;

- As of the time of this SPPC meeting , approximately 51 % of the 2020 \$\$ Assessment Value growth has been allocated; and the City of London has by it's own account delivered quality services during challenging C- 19 operating conditions for 75 % of this fiscal calendar , including those Departments which have submitted “ AG “ business cases. That said, it seems fiscally responsible & prudent to assign/ allocate no more than 25 % of the remaining 50 % of the “ Total Funding Being Allocated “ titled column on page 3 of this report (25 % of \$ 5.670 million total) to fund and support these requests for the 25 % of the 2020 fiscal calendar that remains. EG >> most of these Business Cases are calendar time driven. The funding could carry over as permeant for the full 2021 fiscal year and the surplus assign per bylaw to debt & capital for 2020 or a discretionary vote from council @ year end.
- Going forward to the fast approaching 2021 Budget planning cycle, our City of London “ AG Budget “ development process should be both harmonized and aligned with the Operating Budget development calendar schedule and the public provided the same opportunity for both on-line and budget public meeting input comments on this portion of the budget (after year 1 growth allocation , it's a significant & perpetual part of our general OPS budget) . Finance staff have reinforced in prior communication with this taxpayer that the “ AG Business “ cases are available in December of the calendar year but offer ZERO Opportunity for public transparency , review or comment except 2 – 3 days at later Council Mtgs. Our current City of London “ AG “ process seems unique to London only , with other Cities / communities combining this up front for maximum public transparency which should be the “ gold standard “ .

THXS – respectfully > Chris Butler – 863 Waterloo St.