

LONDON DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

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Chair and Members
Planning and Environment Committee
City of London

Re: Environmental Management Guidelines Update PEC Agenda Item # 3.8

PEC Meeting December 13, 2021

Please accept the following comments as part of the London Development Institute's (LDI) submission regarding the Environmental Management Guidelines (EMG) update report as presented in the December 13, 2021, PEC agenda. We will also be attending the Public Participation Meeting to provide a verbal presentation regarding this report.

We would like to start by recognizing the significant work undertaken by the City staff in updating the EMGs. It would not have been an easy task with a variety of stakeholders and a document that had not been comprehensively reviewed since 2007.

Our Industry, as the primary stakeholder who works daily with the EMGs, appreciated the opportunity afforded to us during the review for meaningful input and feedback. We recognize that some of our input was considered and adopted as part of the EMG update.

Of course, we did not always agree with some of the proposed updates to the Guidelines, but we are satisfied and appreciate that staff has recognized the requirement for a more frequent review and update of the EMGs. This will allow for policy issues arising from the EMGs implementation to be addressed in a timelier manner. This will help insure both the Natural Heritage system and efficient development policies of the PPS are respected and incorporated in current EMGs.

LDI supports the adoption of the Environmental Management Guidelines as presented and looks forward to working with staff on these guidelines in the future.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Sincerely,

Mike Wallace

Executive Director