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Chair & Members
Community and Protective Services Committee

Re: Surveillance Cameras - Dundas Street between Adelaide and Rectory

Crime, drug use, trafficking and violence remain a serious issue on Dundas Street between Adelaide and Rectory. I have received repeated complaints from residents and business owners in the area and have been approached directly on many occasions, regarding this issue.

While being interviewed on August 8th by CTV news, for an article on drug use in the alleyways, a very expensive tripod was stolen from the CTV camera crew. Just recently, a young man was stabbed by a mother/son team for refusing to buy something from them and a young man underwent a vicious beating right across from Police Headquarters.

The community has put up with this type of activity long enough. It's not safe. We need a deterrence.

I respectfully request the City of London reconsider installing surveillance cameras on Dundas Street, between Adelaide Street and Rectory Street. This long, overdue solution will improve the safety of the community and cut down on police costs for the area.

Sincerely,

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