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Dear Colleagues,

Last week all Councillors received an email highlighting various issues happening downtown, including a reduction of public bathroom hours for Dundas Place from 8am-8pm to 12pm-5pm.

We believe that all residents and visitors to our community deserve access to easily accessible and clean bathroom facilities. As new parents, we also appreciate having access to public washrooms for a variety of reasons, as you might imagine. Bathrooms are public assets, and we understand from staff that the downtown bathrooms are well used by the community.

Throughout our strategic plan discussions, we have also been deliberating on regenerating the Downtown Core areas, and we believe that this direction to staff supports this goal.

We have taken the time to review and discuss this matter with the civic administration. Although perhaps not ideal, there are indications that there is the opportunity to accommodate the following request in the Operating Budget that has been recommended for “readoption” by the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee.

Therefore, given the email communications that all Councillors have received, in recognition of maintaining dignified options for bathroom facilities for residents and tourists Downtown London, and the ability to fund this with the 2023 Budget, we are asking for your support for the following motion;

That City Staff **BE DIRECTED** to take the administrative actions required to maintain the washroom opening hours provided at the Dundas Place Fieldhouse and Victoria Park for the remainder of 2023 using a temporary short-term funding source and provide a long-term funding request through the multi-year budget process.

Respectfully,

Skylar Franke  
City Councillor, Ward 11

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City Councillor, Ward 13