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Dear Council,

It just isn't enough to acknowledge at the beginning of every meeting that the City of London occupies native land. You really need to take action and bring First Nations into the governance fold. First Nations have completely different life and history experiences, beyond any experiences non-indigenous residents can bring to the table. Their perspective is often very insightful and refreshing.

That's what we need on the city's committees. New ideas and new perspectives. Not the status quo.

It is also important to correct long standing and historical unbalances when opportunities arise. When all things equal, it is important to lift up individuals that traditionally have been repressed for so long.

Native Americans are over represented in the jail system and on our city streets. Their voices need to be at the table.

Sincerely,

AnnaMaria Valastro