



Mayor and Council
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RE: UTRCA Dingman Sub-watershed Screening Map- Possible Future Economic Implications for London South

The London Chamber of Commerce would like to add its name to the growing number of organizations, institutions and businesses that have expressed serious concerns regarding the assertions being made by the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority (UTRCA) specifically around the Dingman Sub-Watershed Map.

On the surface it appears that the "screening area" that UTRCA has identified may have serious legal and commercial implications for thousands of acres of lands that are presently occupied in whole in part by existing homes, businesses and City services if those lands shown become flood zones, erosion zones and wetlands as implied by the UTRCA.

This is further complicated by the fact that Hwy 401, City Emergency routes and lands already approved for development in the South West Area Plan may also be negatively implicated.

One can only speculate what the consequences may be for development in the lands shown but clearly construction and development of commercial, residential and industrial projects could be negatively and severely impacted. Add to this the overwhelming angst to existing homeowners and commercial property owners in regards to their property values and questions around insurability. Clearly, if instituted, this plan would not only have a chilling effect on business it would amount to a possible **economic development freeze.**

We do not yet know all of the facts nor do we know the potential consequences of these assertions. What we do know however, is enough to cause serious concerns for all Londoners such that we would respectfully request that the City appeal to the UTRCA to press pause on this issue in order for all stakeholders to have a more fulsome review, consultation and understanding of the plan before proceeding any further.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerry Macartney", is written over a faint, light blue circular stamp or watermark.

Gerry Macartney, CEO

London Chamber of Commerce

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