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<p>What can the City of London control</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What is the City's mandate / constitution – is this established or does it change with each election • Does the 2019-2023 Strategic Plan include support for an Indigenous poverty plan • Learn / understand the treaties and help to get them honoured – Act on what was agreed upon in the past – make sure your people are being taken care of • City needs to address Health Impacts of the water system – raw sewage flowing downstream – what is the long-term plan • Housing – engage the Indigenous community – presently the City has control over how much money is allocated to Indigenous housing and dictates who is involved • How many Indigenous people are employed by the City of London; do they advertise/recruit through the Indigenous groups at Western or Fanshawe; can some of the summer student positions be allocated for Indigenous youth • Will the City commit money to an Indigenous poverty plan – can they designate money from the tax base - do not want the City to seek Provincial / Federal money which would force the Indigenous groups to have to compete for the same money
<p>Advocacy</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage the City of London Council / Staff to step up their political advocacy efforts on behalf of its Indigenous residents • Support advocacy for a “living off the land” way of life • Allow Indigenous groups to identify / establish their own membership
<p>Next steps</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leverage expectations and commitment • Is the City willing to meet with the Indigenous leaders and allow them to clearly articulate what they want and discuss with them what resources the City has • Review Indigenous-lead models in Thunder Bay (Aboriginal Liaison Staff), Winnipeg, Edmonton, Saskatoon • Host an event to educate our City Council / Sr. City Staff to begin building relationships; to present the realities of Indigenous people living in London and the priorities that need to be addressed • Relationships are important - Identify individuals at the City that have influence: Mayor Holder, John Fleming, Martin Hayward