

Good Neighbourhoods Talk

A background of the London Strengthening Neighbourhood Strategy 2017-2020:

City staff engaged residents from all of London's neighbourhoods in 2016 to develop a second London Strengthening Neighbourhoods Strategy. Residents told staff they valued parks, community events and fun activities in their neighbourhoods. They wanted more opportunities to share decision-making with City Hall and have stronger relationships with City Councillors and City staff to improve communication and access to information.

Overall, residents feel a sense of belonging and community when they participate in neighbourhood driven activities. Residents need support, information and better communication in order to strengthen their neighbourhoods.

The feedback from residents pointed to the following four themes and overall goals:

1. **Engagement in Neighbourhoods** – Increase the awareness of resident-identified neighbourhood names; provide opportunities for non-represented neighbourhoods (those not currently active) to participate and lead neighbourhood activities; support new neighbourhood groups and associations to form and to support each other.
2. **Communication** – Improve and increase the communication within neighbourhoods, between neighbourhoods, between the City of London and residents, and between the City of London and neighbourhood associations.
3. **Tools and Resources to Support Neighbourhoods** – Provide the financial resources and physical assets to support neighbourhoods to increase their activities; decrease current barriers residents face when planning and holding events.
4. **Overarching Strategies** – Develop a plan to broaden engagement with diverse communities; evaluate the current strategy to measure its impact and effectiveness; report back annually to City Council and residents on progress made with the Strategy.

For a more details on the London Strengthening Neighbourhood Strategy, please visit <https://getinvolved.london.ca/LSNS>.