December 13, 2005

Mayor Anne Marie DeCicco
Deputy Mayor Tom Gosteli
Members of Board of Control
Members of Council
City of London
300 Dufferin Avenue
London, ON N6B 1Z2

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your decision to increase municipal investment in the Children’s Museum, beginning with a $50,000 addition to our operating grant in 2006 and continuing with a $200,000 capital commitment over five years beginning in 2007. We are most appreciative of this additional support!

At the December 8 Committee of the Whole meeting, city council learned that the surplus is expected to be greater than the anticipated $8.7 million. Subsequent to receiving this information, council agreed to provide one-time capital grants totaling up to $400,000 to two very deserving community organizations in 2006.

Our capital grant allocation was approved just prior to this information being shared with council. As such, the capital commitment we received amounts to less than half of our request and does not come into effect until 2007, pending approval by the next council. Therefore, we respectfully request that should this year’s surplus be greater than $9.1 Million (the $8.7 Million included in the 2006 budget plus the $400,000 committed to Merrymount Children’s Centre and The Boys and Girls Club), that council consider an additional one-time capital grant of up to $200,000 for the Children’s Museum, allowing us to address some of our immediate capital issues.

Again, thank you for your favourable consideration of our request for enhanced investment. We look forward to working together with the City of London to ensure Londoners and tourists have access to top quality cultural experiences at the Children’s Museum.

Regards,

Tammy Adkin
Executive Director
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