

NEIGHBOURHOOD DECISION MAKING



Idea Booklet

Potential Ideas for Real Projects to
Help Make Your Neighbourhood
Even Better!



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Note to Reader:

The ideas listed in this document are intended to inspire you to come up with your own ideas and give you a rough idea of how much things cost. You are encouraged to use your creativity and the expertise you have in your neighbourhood to come up with new and different ideas.

Keep in mind that all ideas submitted to the Neighbourhood Decision Making Program must comply with existing City of London plans, policies and regulations. For a variety of reasons, not all ideas will work with Neighbourhood Decision Making.



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Roads and Transportation Ideas



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Bike Parking



Cost List / Range:

\$1,500 per rack

\$1,000 concrete pad

Considerations:

- How many bike racks do you want to install?
- Where will they go?
- Must be on public property

Resident Involvement:

- Selecting the general location

Helpful Links:

- [London's Cycling Master Plan \(www.london.ca/cycling\)](http://www.london.ca/cycling)

Community Electric Vehicle Charging Station



Cost List / Range:

\$5,000 - \$30,000

Considerations:

- The location should be close to a community destination to maximize use
- A willing host (e.g., local business, community centre, library, etc.) will need to ensure 24/7 access
- Host must agree to cover ongoing costs of maintenance & electricity (unless a not-for-profit payment-enabled model is used)

Resident Involvement:

- Selecting the general location

Helpful Links:

- [Charge My Car \(www.plugndrive.ca/public-charging\)](http://www.plugndrive.ca/public-charging)



Traffic Signs



Cost List / Range:

\$250 per sign

Considerations:

- All signs have criteria, some legal, that must be met before they get installed
- Too many signs create clutter and can be ineffective if too much information is being communicated

Resident Involvement:

- Selecting the general location

Street Lights



Cost List / Range:

\$300/m

\$30,000 / 100m

Considerations:

- Sometimes installed on local streets through local improvement projects
- City is currently converting all street lights to LED



Commemorative Street Signs



Cost List / Range:

\$250 admin fee + \$200 per sign

\$500 for design

Considerations:

- How many signs would you like?
- What are you commemorating?
- Who will design the sign?
- The sign design will need to follow guidelines

Resident Involvement:

- Select sign locations and support the sign design process

Helpful Links:

- [Commemorative Sign Program \(www.london.ca/living-london/parks-facilities/commemorative-programs\)](http://www.london.ca/living-london/parks-facilities/commemorative-programs)



Park & Environmental Ideas



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Bench in Park



Cost List / Range:

Bench - \$3,500 (each)
Concrete Pad - \$1,000
Total= \$4,500

Considerations:

- All new benches must be on an accessible path
- This may add to the cost, depending on where you'd like the bench to go
- It is recommended to propose multiple benches rather than just one

Public Ping Pong Table



Cost List / Range:

\$20,000 per table

Considerations:

- May require connection to an accessible path. This would increase the cost.
- It is suggested that these be installed close to a community centre
- This cost is based on a gravel surface

Small Play Equipment in an Existing Play Circle



Cost List / Range:

\$1,000 - \$10,000 per item

Considerations:

- There are strict safety rules about where items can be placed in a play circle
- Some play circles are large enough to fit new equipment and some may not be

Resident Involvement:

- Selecting the park and final selection of play equipment from a list provided by City staff

Chess or Picnic Table



Cost List / Range:

\$7,000 per table

\$1,000 for concrete pad

Total = \$8,000

Considerations:

- All tables must be on a path for accessibility reasons
- If there is no path currently, that would add to the cost of the project

Resident Involvement:

- Selecting the general area

Pathway in Park



Cost List / Range:

\$350/meter asphalt

\$175/meter gravel

Considerations:

- Asphalt Pathway is typically 2-3 meters wide
- Gravel Pathways are typically 2 meters wide
- Whenever a new pathway is built, there are ecological, accessibility, and regulatory considerations.

Tree Planting



Cost List / Range:

\$600 minimum per tree

Considerations:

- How many trees and where would you like them to be planted?
- Do you want to be involved in the planting?

Resident Involvement:

- Select general location and option to support the planting process

Helpful Links:

- [Reforest London \(www.reforestlondon.ca\)](http://www.reforestlondon.ca) may be able to support your tree planting proposal
- The TreeMe Grant is also now open, and may provide funding to plant trees on private property. There is \$200,000 available for this grant. Visit the [TreeMe webpage \(www.treeme.com\)](http://www.treeme.com) or email treeprotection@london.ca for more information.



Community Info Board



Cost List / Range:

\$15,000

Resident Involvement:

- Select general location
- Managing the use of the board

Considerations:

- The City has a standard community info board allowed on public property that must be installed on a concrete pad
- The City requires an organization or group to take responsibility for the board
- What type of information will be allowed on the board?
- Where do you want the board to go?
- Is it on public or private property?
- Is there good foot traffic at your preferred location?



Neighbourhood Skating Rink Equipment



Cost List / Range:

\$10,000 per site

Resident Involvement:

- To build, maintain and monitor the ice rink
- Participate in the [Neighbourhood-Managed Outdoor Ice Rink program](http://www.neighbourgoodlondon.ca) (www.neighbourgoodlondon.ca)
- Maintain at least 6 volunteers throughout season
- Store rink boards and equipment during off-season
- Secure a water source from either a City facility, residential home, or commercial building

City Support:

- Training and advice provided by City staff
- Reimbursement for water provided by residential home
- Lending tools for the creation and maintenance of the rink (hose, nozels, shovels, and garbage can)
- Provide signage



Disc Golf Basket



Cost List / Range:

\$1,500 per basket

Considerations and Constraints:

- This program could fund a single disc golf basket for practice
- Not all parks will be appropriate for a disc golf basket
- The flight path of a disc must not cross existing amenities and be at least a certain distance away from surrounding houses

Natural Seating Area or Reading Garden



Cost List / Range:

\$10,000 - \$30,000

Considerations:

- Not all locations will be appropriate for a natural seating areas
- Ideally at the entrance of a woodland area

Resident Involvement:

- Selecting general location

Accessible Swing and Swing Sets



Cost List / Range:

\$1,000 - to replace an existing swing seat

\$15,000 - to add a new swing to an existing playground area, which includes expanding existing playground circles and repairs to playground safety surface

\$30,000 - to add new swing set, which includes new curbs, drainage, safety surface, swings, bench, trees and site restoration

Considerations:

- An accessible swing can only be installed in a playground with an accessible surface
- Wood chips or rubber are examples of accessible play surfaces

Helpful Links:

- [Accessible Playgrounds in London](http://www.londontourism.ca/guides/accessible-london)
(www.londontourism.ca/guides/accessible-london)



Environmental Interpretative Signage



Cost List / Range:

\$2,000 - \$10,000 per sign

Considerations:

- What is the theme of the signage?
- Who will do the research for the signage?
- Who will design the signage?

Resident Involvement:

- Opportunities to participate in the creation of the signs



Community Bench on your front lawn



Cost List / Range:

\$2,500

Considerations:

- This must be on a front lawn.
- How will you secure the bench?

Resident Involvement:

- Responsible for purchasing or building and securely installing the bench

Art & Culture Ideas



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Community Public Art on Private Property



Cost List / Range:

\$12,000 - \$30,000

- Costs may include: artist fees & insurance, materials & supplies, possible need for wall repair or base coat, scaffolding, graffiti coating to protect the mural, maintenance plan and funding

Constraints and Questions to Consider

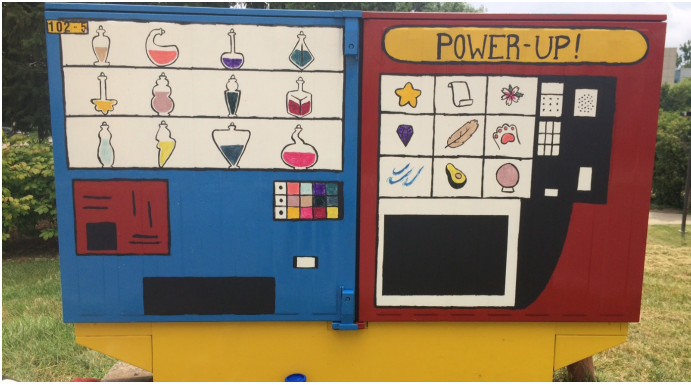
- Private Property must be visible to the public (e.g. wall of a school, business, library)
- Where do you want the mural to go? Is it public or private property? If it is on public property, please see the helpful links section.
- How big would you like the mural to be?
- Do you have a theme in mind for the mural?

Helpful Links:

- Please review [London's Public Art Program](http://www.londonarts.ca/public-art-program) (www.londonarts.ca/public-art-program)



Community Public Art Utility Box Murals or wraps



Cost List / Range:

\$600 - \$1,000 per box

- Costs may include: artist fees & insurance, materials & supplies, possible need for wall repair or base coat, scaffolding, graffiti coating to protect the mural, maintenance plan and funding

Constraints and Questions to Consider

- Which utility boxes do you want to use? Are they public or privately owned?
- How many boxes would you like to use?
- Do you have a theme in mind for the mural?
- If using public property, the Artists and/or Artist Collectives must be selected through the London Arts Council's Artist Roster for Murals

Helpful Links:

- Please review [London's Public Art Program](http://www.londonarts.ca/public-art-program) (www.londonarts.ca/public-art-program)



Cultural Heritage Interpretative Signage



Cost List / Range:

\$7,000-\$10,000 per sign

Note, the cost may go up if archeological studies are required at the installation site.

Considerations:

- How many signs do you want?
- Where do you want them to go?
- What is the theme of the signage?
- Who will do the research and writing for the signage?
- For consistency, the City will coordinate the design of the signage

Resident Involvement:

- Support the content creation of the signs
- Selecting locations



Porch Concerts



Cost List / Range:

\$500 - \$5,000

Costs depend on how many acts are presented and how many shows are planned.

Considerations:

- Do you need to rent a Porto-potty?
- Do you need to rent equipment?
- Where will you find the performers?
- How much will you pay them?
- Do you need a sound technician?

Helpful Links:

- [Event Equipment Lending
\(www.neighbourgoodlondon.ca\)](http://www.neighbourgoodlondon.ca)



Neighbourhood Oral History



Photo By [Baltimore Heritage](#)

Cost List / Range:

\$500 - \$5,000

Resident Involvement:

- Responsible for the planning and execution of the event

Considerations:

- Do you need to rent or purchase equipment?
- Who will you interview?
- Where will you interview them?
- What will you do with the recordings?



Little Library



Cost List / Range:

\$500 - \$1,000

Resident Involvement:

- Responsible for the creation, installation and maintenance of the library

Considerations:

- Must be located on private property
- How many do you want to build?
- Who will build them?
- Where will they be installed?
- What materials will you use?



Event in a Park



Cost List / Range:

\$1,000 - \$10,000

Resident Involvement:

- Responsible for the planning and execution of the event

Considerations:

- Which park do you want to use?
- Have you ever organized an event before?
- You will be responsible for organizing the event
- Do you have an organizing committee to assist?
- What will happen at the event?

Helpful Links:

- [Neighbourhood Event Equipment Lending Program \(www.neighbourgoodlondon.ca\)](http://www.neighbourgoodlondon.ca)
- [Neighborhoods Event Booking Process \(www.neighbourgoodlondon.ca\)](http://www.neighbourgoodlondon.ca)



Block Party



Cost List / Range:

\$1,000 - \$5,000

Resident Involvement:

- Responsible for the planning and execution of the event

Considerations:

- Which street do you want to use?
- You will be responsible for organizing the event
- Have you ever organized an event before?
- Do you have an organizing committee to assist?
- What will happen at the event?

Helpful Links:

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Neighbourhood Art Show



Cost List / Range:

\$500 - \$2,000

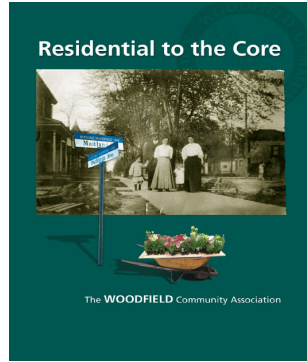
Resident Involvement:

- Responsible for the planning and execution of the event

Considerations:

- Where will you hold your art show?
- How much does it cost to use that space?
- Will you have an opening reception?
- How will you promote the show?
- Will it be a group show?
- Funding cannot be used to purchase alcohol
- Idea submitters cannot pay themselves with Neighbourhood Decision Making funding

Neighbourhood Book or Zine



Cost List / Range:

\$500 - \$5,000

Resident Involvement:

- Responsible for the creation and execution of the Zine

Considerations:

- Do you have photos and stories about your neighbourhood?
- How will you design/create/print the book or zine?
- How will you distribute the book/zine?
- Idea submitters cannot financially benefit from this funding.

Helpful Links:

- [What is a Zine? \(www.ago.ca/agoinsider/what-zine\)](http://www.ago.ca/agoinsider/what-zine)
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Outdoor Movie Equipment



Cost List / Range:

Screen - \$12,000
Speakers - \$2,000
Media Player - \$600
Projector - \$1,000
Total - \$15,600

Resident Involvement:

- Purchasing, storing and maintenance of equipment
- Coordination of equipment use and movie nights

Considerations:

- Who will own the equipment?
- Where will the equipment be stored?
- Who will run the movie nights?
- Outdoor movies require a license, which may cost \$350 per movie.

Helpful Links:

- [Neighbourhood Outdoor Movie Nights \(www.neighbourgoodlondon.ca\)](http://www.neighbourgoodlondon.ca)



Tool Lending Library



Cost List / Range:

\$500 - \$30,000

Resident Involvement:

- Completely resident initiated and implemented

Considerations:

- Do you have the time to volunteer?
- Where will you “house” the tools?
- Idea submitters cannot financially benefit from this funding.

