- 1. stop complaining about what is wrong with London
- 2. less mincing, more prancing
- 3. better define what the term transportation means
- 4. promote the spirit of adventure in every citizen
- 5. educate kids: Civics 101
- 6. actually use Wonderland Gardens for something useful
- 7. stop caring whether to use #LDN, #LDNONT or #YXU, it does not matter
- 8. bike lanes, bike lanes, bike lanes
- 9. fire Anne Marie
- 10. listen to the youth of the city, they are the future
- 11. plant more trees of the non-metal variety
- 12. build an Ikea. screw revitalizing downtown; Ikea is the ticket
- 13. start living up to the name "The Forest City"
- 14. hug a stranger each and every day, two if you feel like it
- 15. embrace change, it isn't something that should be feared
- 16. welcome students into the community with open arms
- 17. kick urban sprawl to the curb, because that's where it belongs
- 18. get rid of all cars, invest in hover-boards ala. Back to the Future 2
- 19. ask questions each and every day
- 20. question the competency of our "leadership"
- 21. be willing to fail before you can succeed
- 22. write your city councilor, provincial MP, federal MP and mother. say hi!
- 23. plow Piccadilly St. so people can get to work easier and be more productive
- 24. move in the left direction instead of the right, because we need new direction
- 25. build a glass dome over Dundas Street (oh dear god)
- 26. start giving City initiatives sexy names like \_\_\_\_\_
- 27. stop pretending we don't see each other when walking down the street
- 28. actually stay committed to something when we say we will
- 29. hire a magician to play every city function; everyone loves magic
- 30. make government transparent like the pants of UWO students (stretchy too)
- 31. create co-working spaces because people should interact
- 32. get out of the house and talk to your neighbours for once
- 33. stop comparing London to Toronto
- 34. elect someone to municipal council who was born in the past 40 years

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- 35. start building pedestrian bridges so people can get around easier
- 36. start comparing London to Windsor (sorry Windsor)
- 37. never ever build another Jet d'Eau
- 38. don't take NO for an answer
- 39. start discussions, someone will act on them
- 40. don't build bridges just because some people don't know how to cross the railroad
- 41. stop eliminating green spaces in the name of growth
- 42. start to understand what sustainable development actually means
- 43. let nature take it's course, it has never ever let us down before
- 44. Stop yelling at bicycles on the road; its where they belong
- 45. tear down existing silos and don't build more; collaboration is key
- 46. throw out the status quo, never be satisfied with "just good enough"
- 47. stop surfing the net, go meet real people, say hi, make a difference
- 48. stop bitching, stand up and do something for once
- 49. stop assuming that the given answer is the best answer to any problem
- 50. start enforcing London Street Bylaw 2.12
- 51. get rid of in-boulevard bicycle paths, they aren't helping anything
- 52. start enforcing Highway Traffic Act 148(4)
- 53. understand that without students the city would be dead
- 54. build a new fresh industry, manufacturing is dead, stop trying to save it
- 55. build community capacity
- 56. fewer oyster parties more meetups, greater things will get accomplished
- 57. ask people what they think and use their input instead of throwing it in the garbage
- 58. vote
- 59. invest time, talent, effort, and resources, the money will follow
- 60. cherish heritage buildings, they are our best links to past lives
- 61. encourage people outside your comfort zone to contribute
- 62. move out of London if you don't believe in the city's potential
- 63. keep your mouth shut unless you are prepared to take some type of action
- 64. be more like Roy
- 65. shovel your sidewalk
- 66. bring Balloon Fest back
- 67. where did all the free downtown concerts go?
- 68. build a moat or an expressway, whichever seems more appropriate

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- 69. make downtown parking free
- 70. have a garbage schedule which makes sense
- 71. paint police cars the colours of the rainbow
- 72. promote the city with sexy ads
- 73. make more jobs appear (perhaps out of thin air)
- 74. let citizens take turns playing "mayor"
- 75. have a vision which reflects today's residents, not those of 30 years ago
- 76. stop functioning like the 1980's, this is 2010
- 77. add "none of the above" to municipal voting ballots
- 78. update London.ca so people can actually find information on it
- 79. dismantle silos within the municipal government
- 80. create an office/officer focused on preventing further "brain drain"
- 81. close Dundas St and make it a pedestrian street
- 82. make it mandatory for those who run the LTC to take the bus
- 83. update CityMap to bring it into the 21<sup>st</sup> century
- 84. make councilor positions a mandatory full-time job
- 85. understand that culture is the future of the city
- 86. smile
- 87. do, or do not. There is no try
- 88. encourage and plant boulevard gardens
- 89. provide free and open wifi at all municipal operated locations
- 90. understand that process is more important than outcome
- 91. don't enter municipal awards competitions
- 92. pay municipal employees in smarties; it will make them smile
- 93. dance uncontrollably in the streets, others will join in
- 94. build a performing arts centre to showcase LOCAL artists
- 95. tear down Springbank Damn; it does more harm than good
- 96. stop building ugly, square, grey apartment buildings
- 97. bring back the mini-golf in Masonville Mall
- 98. stop calling it SOHO; come up with something original
- 99. insert your profound statement here ->\_\_\_\_\_
- 100. think of London like your mom; treat it with love, respect and compassion

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