

Agenda Including Addeds

Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee

The 8th Meeting of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee

July 10, 2024, 4:30 PM

Committee Room #3

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We honour and respect the history, languages and culture of the diverse Indigenous people who call this territory home. The City of London is currently home to many First Nations, Métis and Inuit today.

As representatives of the people of the City of London, we are grateful to have the opportunity to work and live in this territory.

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Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee

Report

7th Meeting of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee
June 5, 2024

Attendance B. Samuels (Chair), B. Amendola, I. ElGhamrawy, A. Hames, M.A. Hodge, C. Mettler, N. Serour and L. Vuong and H. Lysynski (Clerk)

ABSENT: R. Duvernoy, A. Ford, M. Griffith and A. Pert

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor J. Pribil; M. Fabro, J. Martino, K. Pawelec, M. Szarka, J. Stanford and P. Yeoman

The meeting was called to order at 4:31 PM; it being noted that B. Amendola, I. ElGhamrawy, N. Serour and L. Vuong were in remote attendance.

1. Call to Order

1.1 Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

2. Scheduled Items

2.1 Neighbourhood Decision Making

That it BE NOTED that the Neighbourhood Decision Making presentation by K. Pawelec, Director, Community Development and Grants and J. Martino, Manager, Neighbourhood Development and Support, was received.

2.2 Update on Urban Agriculture at the City

That it BE NOTED that the Urban Agriculture at the City update from J. Stanford, Director, Climate Change, Environment and Waste Management, was received.

3. Consent

3.1 6th Report of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 6th Report of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee, from its meeting held on May 1, 2024, was received.

3.2 Municipal Council Resolution – 5th Report of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution adopted at its meeting held on May 14, 2024, with respect to the 5th Report of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee, was received.

4. Sub-Committees and Working Groups

4.1 Update from the Climate Emergency Action Plan Working Group

That it BE NOTED that the Climate Emergency Action Plan Working Group will schedule a meeting with Civic Administration and the appropriate organizations, with respect to the attached, revised Climate Emergency Action Plan Working Group update.

5. Items for Discussion

5.1 2024 Budget

That it BE NOTED that the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee held a discussion with respect to their 2024 Budget.

5.2 Update and Next Steps for Gasoline Powered Lawn and Garden

That it BE NOTED that the following actions be taken with respect to gasoline powered lawn and garden equipment:

- a) the staff report dated May 22, 2024, with respect to an update and next steps for gasoline powered lawn and garden equipment from K. Scherr, Deputy City Manager, Environment and Infrastructure, was received; and,
- b) the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee held a general discussion with respect to these matters.

5.3 Creation of a National Urban Park

That, the following actions be taken with respect to National Urban Parks:

- a) a Working Group BE ESTABLISHED consisting of B. Samuels, M.A. Hodge and C. Mettler with respect to National Urban Parks; and,
- b) the presentation by M.A. Hodge, as appended to the ESACAC Added Agenda, BE RECEIVED.

6. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:07 PM.

July 10, 2024

DRAFT MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION AT JULY 10, 2024 ESACAC MEETING:

1. That Civic Administration be requested to include this report as an attachment to the Civic Works Committee meeting agenda on July 16, 2024;

2. That the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee held a discussion with respect to the August 29, 2023 direction of Council (Item 13 5.1 as amended) for Civic Administration “to prepare information materials to assist Municipal Law Enforcement Officers to explain the Council Policy on Naturalized Areas and Wildflower Meadows in response to community complaints and complainants, and with respect to the Yard and Lot Maintenance By-law where applicable”;

3. That the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee recommends that Civic Administration “prepare information materials for print and online to assist Municipal Law Enforcement Officers to explain the Yard and Lot Maintenance By-law PW-15 in response to community complaints and complainants and to promote public education and awareness”.

Background

On August 29, 2023, Council approved the 12th report from the Civic Works Committee and amended the following motion: “*That the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to prepare an information brochure to assist Municipal Law Enforcement Officers to explain the Council Policy on Naturalized Areas and Wildflower Meadows in response to community complaints and with respect to the Yard and Lot Maintenance By-law where applicable;*”

Following this direction of Council, ESACAC prepared and submitted detailed recommendations for the creation of information materials for online and print to support by-law enforcement and public understanding of naturalization on private land, as this relates to the advisory committee’s mandate.

On January 23, 2024, Council approved the 2nd report of the Civic Works Committee including the following motion: “*3.1 That the following actions be taken with respect to the 1st and 2nd Reports of the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee (ESACAC), from the meetings held on December 6, 2023 and January 3, 2024, respectively: a) with respect to the 1st Report of the ESACAC: i) the ESACAC recommendations, as appended to the ESACAC Added Agenda, relating to the Yard and Lot Maintenance By-law BE FORWARDED to the Civic Administration for consideration; and, ii) clauses 1.1, 2.1, 3.1 to 3.3, 5.1 and 5.2, BE RECEIVED;*”

On March 5, 2024, Council approved the 4th report of the Community and Protective Services Committee including housekeeping amendments to the Yard and Lot Maintenance By-law. The amendments included substantial changes to the by-law with respect to naturalized landscaping, and removed the previous Council Policy on Naturalized Areas and Wildflower Meadows.

On June 4, 2024 meeting, Council voted to reject a recommendation from the Civic Works Committee with respect to the report on Gasoline Powered Lawn and Garden Equipment, including:

“c) Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to design and implement an awareness campaign for households and lawncare service providers that focuses on better lawn and garden practices to help the environment and take climate action for implementation in February to April 2025.”

The report presented by staff to Civic Works Committee included the following key activity:

“August 2024 to February 2025 – Design an awareness campaign that focuses on better lawn and garden practices to help the environment and take climate action for launch in early 2025. Target audience is households and lawn care companies in London. This campaign will include more than fossil fuel lawncare equipment, such as landscaping for climate resilience, improving soil carbon sequestration in landscaping, and supporting biodiversity.”

The ESACAC Chair subsequently contacted the Civic Administration to clarify about possible overlap between the proposed awareness campaign that was rejected by Council, and the production of information materials previously directed by Council. Then, on June 20, 2024, staff responded to the inquiry as follows: *“This letter was directed through the administration. There is no conflict in Council directions. The comprehensive education and awareness program was not supported, however that did not impact the previous Council direction which was specific to Municipal Law Enforcement Officers. The following comment is from the Manager, Community Compliance and Animal Services in response to the letter:*

With respect to the information piece that MLEOs provide, this was a pamphlet brochure that previously was provided for information on yard and lot maintenance bylaw regulations (high level overview of the most common concerns essentially). In an effort to minimize hard copy documents and move to a more paperless environment, we will not be moving forward with these pamphlets any longer. In the PW-15 work order issued to a property owner, there is mention of the city website where one can find all the information related to the bylaw. There is also the option for someone to contact the city to request a hard copy of the bylaw for reference purposes.”

The PW-15 work orders refer the public to the City of London website: london.ca/yard-lot-maintenance-law This page was last modified on Monday, September 14, 2020. As of July 2, 2024, the website says: *“Some common violations we see include: grass and weeds over 20 centimeters (8 inches) in height”*

However, the by-law itself has been updated and no longer includes the terms “grass and weeds”, having replaced them with definitions for turfgrass lawn and a list of specific prohibited plants (see Appendix A).

ESACAC has been made aware of recent interactions between community members maintaining naturalized gardens and municipal law enforcement officers. These reports (not linked to any ongoing dispute) suggest that MLEOs are following variable, subjective enforcement procedures that do not consistently align with the updated by-law, including failures to identify specific prohibited plants (instead of all “weeds”), the change from a height restriction on all grasses to the specific definition for turfgrass lawn, and the scope of enforcement being limited to matters of health, safety or nuisance, but not aesthetics. The list of prohibited plants referenced in the by-law is not available online and could not be produced by MLEOs when asked.

ESACAC therefore recommends that the City proceed as soon as possible with updating its website with language to reflect the updated by-law PW-15 as well as producing print and online information materials, as previously directed by Council, to support MLEOs carrying out enforcement and to improve understanding of the by-law among recipients of complaints as well as complainants.

APPENDIX A - Excerpts from the Yard and Lot Maintenance By-law PW-15

Available at: london.ca/yard-lot-maintenance-law

Definitions

“Lawn” means perennial turfgrass grown for ground cover, of a type that forms a dense, uniform turf when mown, including but not limited to Kentucky bluegrass, perennial ryegrass, or fine fescue.

“Vegetative Growth” means a plant garden and includes, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, an annual or perennial flower garden, food garden, rain garden, hedge, shrub, plant, vine, and groundcover, but does not include trees or Lawn.

“Refuse” means garbage, waste, or rubbish of any kind, including but not limited to;

(b) tree cuttings, limbs, and brush;

Part 2 - General Provisions

2.2 Removal of Refuse, Prohibited Plants, and Graffiti

1. An Owner shall remove any Refuse from their Land so that it is left in a clean and clear condition.
2. An Owner shall ensure their Land is kept clean, clear, and free from objects or conditions, that may create a public health or safety hazard, or a nuisance.
3. An Owner shall ensure their Land is kept free and clear of any Prohibited Plants.

2.3 Vegetative Growth & Lawn

1. An Owner shall ensure Lawn on their Land does not exceed 20cm (8 inches) in height or length.
2. An Owner shall ensure Vegetative Growth on their Land does not exceed 0.9m (3 feet) in height within any Corner Visibility Triangle or Driveway Visibility Triangle.
3. An Owner shall ensure that Vegetative Growth or Lawn on their Land do not create a public health or safety hazard, or a nuisance.

Part 3 - Prohibitions

3.1 Refuse Deposited on Land - prohibited

No person shall throw, place, or deposit Refuse on any Land without lawful authority

3.2 Refuse not cleared from Land – prohibited

No Owner shall fail to clear their Land of refuse.

3.3 Vegetative Growth and Lawn – fail to maintain - prohibited

No Owner shall fail to maintain Vegetative Growth or Lawn on their Land in accordance with the provisions of this by-law.

3.4 Prohibited Plants – removal

No Owner shall fail to remove Prohibited Plants identified as part of this by-law from their Land.

MOTION FOR CONSIDERATION AT JULY 10, 2024 ESACAC MEETING:

1. That the Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee recommends that that the City does not pause funding to community grants and the Neighbourhood Decision Making program;

2. That Civic Administration be requested to include this report as an attachment to the Civic Works Committee meeting agenda on July 16, 2024 so it may be referred to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee.

The Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee (ESACAC) [mandate](#) includes climate change mitigation, the development and monitoring of London's Urban Forest Strategy and Climate Emergency Action Plan (CEAP) and to act as a resource for other related policies and strategies. ESACAC recognizes that many Londoners engaging in environmental stewardship and climate action activities related to our mandate depend on access to funding provided through the City's existing grant streams and the Neighbourhood Decision Making (NDM) program. For example, many recipients of funding through grants and NDM support tree planting and projects related to climate change adaptation in neighborhoods.

In May 2024, ESACAC engaged with staff overseeing NDM to inquire about linkages with CEAP implementation. Our committee was satisfied with ongoing improvements to the program, which staff explained provide enhanced value-for-money, fairness and equity. In 2024, the City of London Innovation and Capital grant stream received 53 applications with more than \$4.1 million requested and \$396,000 to be allocated (10%); the Grassroots grant stream received 32 applications with \$1.1 million requested and \$100,000 to be allocated (9%). These funding sources are demonstrably in high demand and existing allocations are already falling far below needs expressed by the community.

ESACAC is concerned by the decision of the Strategic Opportunities Review Working Group (SORWG) to suspend funding to the City of London community grants and NDM program, believing that this will negatively impact community-led efforts towards making London into a greener, more resilient city, supporting CEAP implementation and helping the City to implement its 2023-2027 Strategic Plan.

ESACAC prepared 5 questions about this decision and engagement with the working group that we request be forwarded to the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee (SPPC) for consideration:

1. What exactly would replace the existing grant streams and Neighbourhood Decision Making program?
2. Where does the 0.1% budget savings estimate come from, and does this estimate account for costs associated with shifting delivery of neighborhood improvements into the Parks and Recreation Master Plan?
3. How has suspending funding for grants and NDM been studied in terms of impacts to the capacity of relevant divisions to deliver services, impacts to workload of individual members of Council, as well as impacts to community partners who work with the City?
4. What is the process for the SORWG to receive suggestions of potential cost saving opportunities from outside its core membership, such as from the City's advisory committees? ESACAC members are prepared to propose cost saving measures that the working group could explore, but we are unsure how to share feedback.
5. What is the City of London's policy with respect to receiving delegations at working groups, such as the SORWG or Governance Working Group?

From:

Sent: Thursday, July 4, 2024 6:31 PM

To: Advisory Committee <AdvisoryCommittee@london.ca>

Cc: Lewis, Shawn <slewis@london.ca>; Pribil, Jerry <jpribil@london.ca>; Woolsey, Heather <hwoolsey@London.ca>

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Council Sub- Committee - ES & Action Committee - MTG Wednesday July 10th - Added Agenda Submission - Item 5.2

City of London – Clerks Office - Please approve this “ Added Agenda Submission “ as pre – approved to add to the public agenda AND if approved to follow forward to the SPPC Mtg this submission for consideration is targeted for. This is for Item 5.2 Consent on the Environmental Subcommittee for the upcoming Wednesday , July 10th MTG .

Chair ESAC (zero disclosure on the City of London Website Who you Are) , Members of ESAC (Again zero disclosure)

Please consider this voter / taxpayer / your customer submission for your consider in your consideration of Item 5.2 submitted for your “ CONSENT “ to move forward to the next SPPC MTG if you approve. (Neighbourhood Grants ETC)

1. Keep it simple – STAY IN YOUR ESAC LANE - this submission is well outside your **posted** City of London scope of work , terms of reference and consideration .
2. If you decide to move forward with this submission to the next SPPC : please have the currently lagging leadership provide clear taxpayer visibility and initiative to **sign this submission** . Currently it's a ghost submission and clearly a “ BUN “ fight .
3. Your Committee and the SPPC needs to give the newly formed SORWG subcommittee some run room / breathing room to start their process . AS a voter / customer I see NO other initiative currently endorsed by both our Mayor & Council to lead the charge to reduce our currently un-sustainable tax rate increases over the next 3 – 4 years. Your not helping here !

THXS for this opportunity for your consideration .

Chris Butler - Sams Ward



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June 27, 2024

To: Nominating Committees and Organizations

Re: **2025 Mayor’s New Year’s Honour List – Call for Nominations**

Each year London City Council enlists your assistance to nominate citizens for the Mayor’s New Year’s Honour List, which recognizes long-standing contributions to the London community.

Please consider nominating a London citizen who is worthy of this honour in the category for which your organization is responsible, as follows:

Reports to Community and Protective Services Committee (cpssc@london.ca)

NOMINATING BODY	CATEGORY
Accessibility Community Advisory Committee	Accessibility
Age Friendly London Network	Age Friendly
Community and Protective Services Committee	Safety and Crime Prevention
Community and Protective Services Committee	Housing
London Arts Council	The Arts
London Sports Council	Sports

Reports to Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee (sppc@london.ca)

NOMINATING BODY	CATEGORY
Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Community Advisory Committee	Humanitarianism
Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Community Advisory Committee	Diversity and Race Relations

Reports to Planning and Environment Committee (pec@london.ca)

NOMINATING BODY	CATEGORY
Community Advisory Committee on Planning	Heritage

Reports to Civic Works Committee (cwc@london.ca)

NOMINATING BODY	CATEGORY
Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee	Environment

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You may make your recommendation in confidence through the appropriate Standing Committee.

All nominations must be received at the email indicated **no later than 9 a.m. Monday, September 23, 2024**, to be included on the agenda for recommendation to Council on October 15, 2023. This timetable ensures that the slate of honourees is finalized for the traditional New Year's Day announcement.

For your information and assistance, we have enclosed a fillable pdf of the nomination form, a list of the previous recipients (no individual can be recognized more than once in their lifetime), together with a copy of the Council Policy which details the criteria and process to be followed.

Thank you very much for your expert assistance in this nomination process, and for your cooperation in meeting the submission deadline.

Sincerely,



Michael Schulthess
City Clerk



Sarah Corman
Deputy City Clerk



Evelina Skalski
Deputy City Clerk

Attachments (3)

cc: Mayor Josh Morgan
E. Hunt, Manager, Legislative Services
H. Woolsey, Administrative Assistant, Legislative Services
J. Gomez, Committee Support Clerk



Mayor's New Year's Honour List Nomination Form

Note: Please refer to City Council's *Mayor's New Year's Honour List Policy*, for the criteria governing the nomination of individuals.

NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

The personal information collected on this form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act 2001 as amended*, and will be used to administer the Mayor's New Year's Honour List program. Questions about this collection should be addressed to the City Clerk at 300 Dufferin Avenue, London, Ontario, N6A 4L9. Tel: (519) 661-CITY (2489) ext. 4530.

A. Nominee information

Name				
Street address		City	Province	Postal code
Daytime telephone number	/ extension	Home telephone number	E-mail address	

B. Nominator information

Name			Date	
Street address		City	Province	Postal code
Daytime telephone number	/ extension	Home telephone number	E-mail address	

C. Nomination category (check one):

- Accessibility** (i.e. contributions to foster an environment of inclusion that embraces citizens of all abilities)
- Age Friendly** (i.e. contributions to empowering older adults and advancing an age friendly community)
- Arts** (i.e. contributions to fostering and/or the production of human creativity)
- Distinguished Londoner** (to be selected by the Mayor)
- Diversity and Race Relations** (i.e. contributions to the elimination of hate and discrimination)
- Environment** (i.e. contributions to the awareness, preservation and protection of the environment)
- Heritage** (i.e. contributions to the awareness, preservation and protection of heritage resources)
- Housing** (i.e. contributions to the provision of safe and accessible housing for all members of the community)
- Humanitarianism** (i.e. contributions to human welfare through philanthropic and other efforts)
- Safety and Crime Prevention** (i.e. contributions to a safe and secure community)
- Sports** (i.e. contributions to the awareness of and participation in sports activity and/or demonstrated excellence within a particular sports activity)

D. Reason for nomination

Please provide a summary of the nominee's contributions as related to the applicable criteria. (*May continue to next page*)

Please provide a summary of the nominee's contributions as related to the applicable criteria. (*continued*)



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MAYOR'S NEW YEAR'S HONOUR LIST (1976 – 2024)

1976 (Arts)

Catharine Kezia Brickenden
Lenore Crawford
Heinar Piller
Ray Sealey
Bruce Sharpe
Ruth Sharpe

1977 (Arts)

Martin Boundy
A. Elizabeth Murray
James Reaney
Margaret Skinner
Earle Terry

1978 (Arts)

Robin Dearing
Donald Fleckser
Angela Labatt
Dorothy Scuton
Pegi Walden

1979 (Arts)

Paul Eck
Edward Escaf
Clifford Evans
Arnim Walter

1980 (Arts)

Jane E. Bigelow
Barbara Ivey
Richard M. Ivey
Beryl Ivey

1981 (Arts)

Herbert J. Ariss
Dorothy Carter
Noreen DeShane
John H. Moore
S. Elizabeth Moore

1982 (Arts)

Wesanne McKellar
Edward R. Procnier
J. Allyn Taylor

1983 (Arts)

Robert L. (Bob) Turnbull
Frank L. Hallett
Kathleen M. Hallett
Ivor Brake
Phyllis J. Brake
Carol Johnston
Thomas F. Lawson

1984 (Arts)

Minnette Church
Betty Duffield

1985 (Arts)

Nancy Poole
Paddy Gunn O'Brien
Thomas F. Siess

1986 (Arts)

Sasha McInnis Hayman
Gregory R. Curnoe
Thomas J. Hannigan

1987 (Arts)

Caroline L. Conron
Stephen Joy
Gerald Fagan
Millard P. McBain

1988 (Arts)

Maurice A. Coghlin
Arthur Ender
Bernice Harper
Ian Turnbull

1989

Mervin Carter (Safety)
Robert Loveless (Physically Challenged)
Gordon Jorgenson (Crime Prevention)
Orlo Miller (Architectural Conservation)
Nancy Postian (Arts)
Thomas Purdy (Environment)

1990

Julia Beck (Architectural Conservation)
Ruth Clarke (Safety)
Sam Katz (Environment)
Helena Kline (Crime Prevention)
Nellie Porter (Housing)
Nancy Skinner (Physically Disabled)
Maurice Stubbs (Arts)

1991

Paul Ball (Crime Prevention)
Ian Chappell (Crime Prevention)
Silvia Clarke (Architectural Conservation)
Norman Davis (Crime Prevention)
Norma Dinniwell (Arts)
Jay Mayos (Environment)
Marilyn Neufeld (Physically Challenged)
Margaret Sharpe (Crime Prevention)
Glen Sifton (Safety)

1992

Kenneth Bovey (Environment)
Susan Eagle (Housing)
George Mottram (Safety)
Laverne Shipley (Crime Prevention)
Richard Verrette (Arts)
Debbie Willows (Physically Challenged)



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MAYOR'S NEW YEAR'S HONOUR LIST (1976 – 2024)

1993

Alan Benninger (Housing)
William Fyfe (Environment)
Wil Harlock (Architectural Conservation)
David Long (Housing)
Margaret MacGee (Safety)
Nancy McNee (Arts)
Craig Stainton (Housing)
Peter Valiquet (Crime Prevention)
Shirley Van Hoof (Physically Disabled)

1994

Michael Baker (Architectural Conservation)
Caroline Bolter (Environment)
Richard Izzard (Crime Prevention)
David Kirk (Safety)
John Moran (Physically Disabled)
John Schunk (Housing)
Katharine Smith (Arts)

1995

Ruth Drake (Architectural Conservation)
Martha Henry (Arts)
Jeff Henderson (Environment)
Sandra McNee (Housing)
Ron Newnes (Crime Prevention)
Tanys Quesnel (Physically Challenged)
Bill Woolford (Safety)

1996

Robert Baumbach and the Dixie Flyers (Arts)
Jess Davidson (Physically Challenged)
Rosemary Dickinson (Environment)
Gertrude Roes (Safety)
Mowbray Sifton (Housing)
Nancy Zwart Tausky (Architectural Conservation)

1997

Karen Burch (Environment)
Gretta Grant (Humanitarianism)
Marion Obeda (Safety and Crime Prevention)
Kim Pratt (Architectural Conservation)
Cesar Santander (Arts)
W. (Bill) Willcock (Housing)

1998

Paterson Ewen (Arts)
Tim Dupee (posthumously) (Physically Challenged)
Sargon Gabriel (Humanitarianism)
Mary Huffman (Safety and Crime Prevention)
Ann McKillop (Heritage Conservation)
Henry and Maria Stam (Environment)

1999

Dan Brock (Heritage Conservation)
Tom Crerar (Environment)
John Davidson (Physically Challenged)
O. Veronica Dryden (posthumously) (Humanitarianism)
Michael Edward Howe (Housing)
Phil Murphy (Arts)
Shelly Siskind (Safety and Crime Prevention)

2000

Lottie Brown (Heritage Conservation)
Hume Cronyn (Arts)
Paul Duerden (Sports)
John Falls (posthumously) (Physically Challenged)
Gwen Barton Jenkins (posthumously) (Humanitarianism)
Judy Potter (Housing)
Paul van der Werf (Environment)

2001

Douglas Bocking (Heritage Conservation)
Connie Cunningham (posthumously) (Housing)
Keith Cartwright (Physically Challenged)
Art Fidler (Arts)
Dan and Mary Lou Smoke (Humanitarianism)
Lesley Thompson (Sports)
Gosse VanOosten (Environment)
Audrey Warner (Safety and Crime Prevention)

2002

Eric Atkinson (Arts)
Bill Brock (Safety and Crime Prevention)
Debbie Dawtrey (Physically Challenged)
Susan Epstein (Environment)
Janet Hunten (Heritage)
Gail Irmiler (Housing)
Carolyn Rundle (Humanitarianism)
Darwin Semotiuk (Sports)

2003

Ralph Aldrich (Arts)
Mary Kerr (Heritage)
Michael Lewis (Physically Challenged)
Laila Norman (Safety and Crime Prevention)
Elaine Pensa (Humanitarianism)
Joseph Rea and the Archangelo Rea Foundation (Environment)
Jan Richardson (Housing)
Clarke Singer (Sports)

2004

Alan Cohen (Arts)
Ayshi Hassan (Humanitarianism)
Dr. Bill Judd (Heritage)
Carol Kish (Safety and Crime Prevention)
Rick Odegaard (Housing)
Jennifer Smith Ogg (Sports)
Cathy Vincent-Linderoos (Physically Challenged)
Dave and Winifred Wake (Environment)

2005

Bernice Brooks (Environment)
Eugene DiTrollo (Safety and Crime Prevention)
Genet Hodder (Heritage)
Prof. Donald McKellar (Arts)
Patrick Murphy (Persons with Disabilities)
Barry Parker (Housing)
Shanti Radcliffe (Humanitarianism)
Jude St. John (Sports)



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MAYOR'S NEW YEAR'S HONOUR LIST (1976 – 2024)

2006

Jane Antoniak (Diversity and Race Relations)
John Barron (Arts)
Dale and Mark Hunter (Sports)
Jim Mahon (Environment)
Lorin MacDonald (Persons with Disabilities)
Darlene Ritchie (Housing)
Clare Robinson (Safety and Crime Prevention)
Sister Teresa Ryan (Humanitarianism)
Barry Wells (Heritage)

2007

Eleanor Bradley (Safety and Crime Prevention)
Peter Brennan (Arts)
Chris Doty (posthumously) (Heritage)
Peter Inch (Sports)
Sandy Levin (Environment)
Raul Llobet (posthumously) (Diversity and Race Relations)
Susie Matthias (Persons with Disabilities)
Glen Pearson and Jane Roy (Humanitarianism)

2008

Henri Boyi (Humanitarianism)
Dr. Cathy Chovaz (Persons with Disabilities)
Michelle Edwards (Diversity and Race Relations)
Stephen Harding (Heritage)
Thom McClenaghan (Environment)
Todd Sargeant (Sports)
Jeffrey Paul Schlemmer (Housing)
Dr. Margaret Whitby (Arts)

2009

Mohamed Al-Adeimi (Diversity and Race Relations)
Teresa Anglin (Humanitarianism)
Diana Anstead (Safety and Crime Prevention)
Margaret Capes (Housing)
Mike Circelli (Sports)
Nancy Finlayson (Environment)
Jeff Preston (Persons with Disabilities)
Theresa Regnier (Heritage)
Jim Scott (Arts)

2010

Alison Farough (Safety and Crime Prevention)
Jennifer Grainger (Heritage)
Charlene Lazenby (Housing)
Kathy Lewis (Persons with Disabilities)
Maryanne MacDonald (Environment)
Joyce Mitchell (Diversity and Race Relations)
Darlene Pratt (Arts)
Sister Margo Ritchie (Humanitarianism)
Ray Takahashi (Sports)

2011

Sister Joan Atkinson (Housing)
Major Archie Cairns (Arts)
Bill De Young (Environment)
Mike Lindsay (Sports)
Marlyn Loft (Heritage)
Christina Lord (Humanitarianism)
Dr. Gaston N.K. Mabaya (Diversity and Race Relations)
Marg Rooke (Safety and Crime Prevention)
Cheryl Stewart (Persons with Disabilities)

2012

Maryse Leitch (Arts)
Catherine McEwen (Heritage)
Josip Mrkoci (Sports)
Perpétue Nitunga (Humanitarianism)
Greg Playford (Housing)
Anne Robertson (Persons with Disabilities)
Evelina Silveira (Diversity and Race Relations)
Maureen Temme (Environment)

2013

Meredith Fraser (Diversity and Race Relations)
Bramwell Gregson (Arts)
Bruce Huff (Sports)
Suzanne Huot (Humanitarianism)
David Nelms (Housing)
Joe O'Neil (Heritage)
Shane O'Neill (Environment)
Lou Rivard (Safety and Crime Prevention)
Carmen Sprovieri (Persons with Disabilities)

2014

Barry Fay (Sports)
Talia Goldberg (Persons with Disabilities)
Rebecca Howse (Diversity and Race Relations)
John Nicholson (Arts)
Gary Smith (The Environment)
Lloyd Stevenson (Housing)
Kenneth Wright (Humanitarianism)

2015

Hilary Bates Neary (Heritage)
Alfredo Caxaj (Diversity and Race Relations)
Roger Khouri (Persons with Disabilities)
Michael Lynk (Humanitarianism)
Patrick Mahon (The Arts)
Corina Morrison (Safety and Crime Prevention)
Bob Porter (Environment)
Martha Powell (Housing)
Damian Warner (Sports)

2016

Gary Brown (Environment)
Glen Curnoe (Heritage)
Charles and Carolyn Innis – Humanitarianism
Holly Painter (Arts)
Bonnie Quesnel – Persons with Disabilities
Paul Seale – Safety and Crime Prevention
Jens Stickling (Housing)
Reta Van Every (Diversity and Race Relations)
Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir – Sports



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2017

Dale Yoshida – Arts
Mojdeh Cox – Diversity and Race Relations
Dr. Joseph Cummins – Environment
Sandra Miller – Heritage
Susan Grindrod – Housing
Andrew Rosser – Humanitarianism
Brenda Ryan – Persons with Disabilities
Danielle Mooder – Safety and Crime Prevention
Therese Quigley – Sports

2018

Karen Schuessler – Arts
Dharshi Lacey – Diversity and Race Relations
George Sinclair – Environment
Susan Bentley – Heritage
Sister Delores Brisson – Housing
Lina Bowden – Humanitarianism
Todd Sargeant and Sigmund Bernat – Persons
with a Disability
Émilie Crakondji – Safety and Crime Prevention
Tom Partalas – Sports

2019

Rachel Braden and Merel (Facility Dog) -
Accessibility
Ernest Maiorana - Age Friendly
Victoria Carter - Arts
Gabor Sass - Environment
Steven Liggett - Heritage
Melissa Hardy-Trevenna - Housing
Jacqueline Thompson - Humanitarianism
Mike Lumley - Sports

2020

Gary Doerr – Accessibility
Patrick Fleming – Age Friendly
Renée Silberman – Arts
Don Campbell – Distinguished Londoner
Hayden Foulon (Posthumously) – Distinguished
Londoner
Leroy Hibbert – Distinguished Londoner
Brian Hill – Distinguished Londoner
Rob McQueen – Environment
Arthur McClelland – Heritage
Carla Garagozzo – Housing
Alexander Kopacz – Sports

2021

Gerald (Gerry) LaHay – Accessibility
Jean Knight – Age Friendly
Betty Anne Younker – Arts
Joey Hollingsworth – Distinguished Londoner
Jim Campbell – Distinguished Londoner
Mitchell A. Baran, posthumously – Distinguished
Londoner
Wayne Dunn – Distinguished Londoner
Mary Alikakos – Diversity and Race Relations
Marianne Griffith – Environment
Sylvia Chodas – Heritage
Dr. Abe Oudshoorn – Housing
Jeremy McCall – Humanitarianism
Murray Howard – Sports

2022

Hayley Gardiner – Accessibility
Patrician Hoffer – Arts
Joyce E. Larsh – Distinguished Londoner
Mario Circelli – Distinguished Londoner
Mike Evans – Distinguished Londoner
Mandi Fields – Distinguished Londoner
Mary Anne Hodge – Environment
Dorothy Palmer – Heritage
Robert Sexsmith – Housing
Kait Symonds – Safety and Crime Prevention
Maggie MacNeil – Sports

2023

Ashton Forrest – Accessibility
Beverly Farrell – Age Friendly
Karen Schindler – Arts
Edward Medzon – Distinguished Londoner
Jason Rip – Distinguished Londoner
Sydney Vickers – Distinguished Londoner
Joe Cardillo – Distinguished Londoner
Charlene Doak-Gebauer – Distinguished Londoner
Padre Frank Mantz – Distinguished Londoner
Carl Cadogan – Diversity and Race Relations
Tom Cull – Environment
John Manness – Heritage
Nawaz Tahir – Humanitarianism
Roop Chanderdat – Sports

2024

Jennifer Williams – Accessibility
Don Pollock – Age Friendly
Audrey Cooper – Arts
Bill Brady – Distinguished Londoner
Evelyn Chertkow – Distinguished Londoner
Brian Harris – Distinguished Londoner
Sheilah Hogarth – Distinguished Londoner
Youth Coalition Combating Islamophobia –
Distinguished Londoner
Rumina Morris – Diversity and Race Relations
Diane Szoller – Environment
Jason Hick – Heritage
Jenna Rose Sands – Humanitarianism
Jamie Walls – Safety and Crime Prevention
Vito Frijia – Sports



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Mayor's New Year's Honour List Policy

Policy Name: Mayor's New Year's Honour List Policy

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Last Review Date: July 25, 2023

Service Area Lead: City Clerk

1. Policy Statement

- 1.1 This policy establishes the Mayor's New Year's Honour List for the recognition of individuals who have contributed in an outstanding manner to the community of London in one of the following categories: Accessibility, Age Friendly, Arts, Distinguished Londoner, Diversity and Race Relations, Environment, Heritage, Housing, Humanitarianism, Safety & Crime Prevention, and Sports.

2. Definitions

- 2.1 Not applicable.

3. Applicability

- 3.1 This policy applies to all individuals who have contributed in an outstanding manner to the community of London in prescribed categories.

4. The Policy

4.1 Categories

Individuals may be recognized in any of the following categories:

- a) Accessibility (i.e. contributions to foster an environment of inclusion that embraces citizens of all abilities);
- b) Age Friendly (i.e. contributions to empowering older adults and advancing an age friendly community);
- c) Arts (i.e. contributions to fostering and/or the production of human creativity);
- d) Diversity and Race Relations (i.e. contributions to the elimination of hate and discrimination).
- e) Environment (i.e. contributions to the awareness, preservation and protection of the environment);
- f) Heritage (i.e. contributions to the awareness, preservation and protection of heritage resources);
- g) Housing (i.e. contributions to the provision of safe and accessible housing for all members of the community);
- h) Humanitarianism (i.e. contributions to human welfare through philanthropic and other efforts);

- i) Safety & Crime Prevention (i.e. contributions to a safe and secure community);
- j) Sports (i.e. contributions to the awareness of and participation in sports activity and/or demonstrated excellence within a particular sports activity); or,
- k) Distinguished Londoner (i.e., outstanding contribution to community collaboration or acts of good will by giving back to our City).

4.2 Nominating Committees/Organizations

The following Committees/Organizations shall nominate individuals in the respective categories:

- a) Accessibility – Accessibility Community Advisory Committee;
- b) Age Friendly – Age Friendly London Network;
- c) Arts – London Arts Council;
- d) Diversity and Race Relations – Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Community Advisory Committee;
- e) Environment – Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee;
- f) Heritage – Community Advisory Committee on Planning;
- g) Housing – Community and Protective Services Committee;
- h) Humanitarianism – Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Community Advisory Committee;
- i) Safety & Crime Prevention – Community and Protective Services Committee;
- j) Sports – London Sports Council; and,
- k) Distinguished Londoner – Each Council Member may submit one (1) name to the Mayor for consideration. The Mayor may select up to six (6) names for recommendation to Municipal Council.

4.3 Conditions

The following conditions shall apply to the nomination of individuals:

- a) no more than one individual in each category shall be named in any one year, except for the category of Distinguished Londoner, subject to:
 - i) an individual may not necessarily be named in each category each year;
 - ii) City Council may, at its sole discretion and on an exception basis, choose to recognize two individuals in any one category in a given year should the City Council determine that two individuals have inseparably partnered in contributing to their respective category, thereby increasing the aggregate amount of nominees beyond the usual maximum of ten individuals to be named in any one year;
- b) the recipients shall be chosen for long standing contributions in their respective categories;
- c) the name of any one individual shall be included on the Honour List only once in their lifetime;

- d) any individual currently serving as a member of any one of the Advisory Committees, City Council, Civic Administration or organizations referred to in 4.2 shall not be eligible for naming to the list during their term of appointment or employment with the City; and,
- e) nominees being recommended by the Advisory Committees or organizations referred to in 4.2 shall receive at least seventy-five (75) percent of the total eligible votes on the respective Advisory Committee or organization.

4.4 Form of Recognition

- a) The recipients shall be honoured at the first meeting of City Council in January, with a reception for themselves and one guest, and presentation of an appropriately-worded certificate.
- b) A plaque shall be displayed in a prominent public area of City Hall honouring those individuals named each year to the Mayor's New Year's Honour List and shall be updated annually by the City Clerk.