

# MUSEUM LONDON

**July 10, 2023**

**Re: Revised process for City Board Representative on Museum London Board**

**To Chair and Members, Community and Protective Services Committee:**

The Board of Museum London has approved a new *Board Development and Principles Policy* that outlines a revised mechanism for representation by City Council on the Museum's Board. This follows the adoption of revised bylaws in 2022 by the Museum London Board in accordance with the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act.

With the proclamation of the Ontario Not-for-Profit Corporations Act (ONCA) in October 2021, Museum London engaged the legal firm Fasken to work with its Governance Committee and Board to bring its governing bylaw into compliance under the new Act.

A revised bylaw was approved by the Board in April 2022 and ratified at Museum London's Annual General Meeting on May 11, 2022. As part of this modernization and alignment of Museum London bylaws under ONCA, articles related to the appointment of Board Members required revision. Previous versions of bylaws provided for appointments from other entities including City of London. As per Museum London's new bylaw, a mechanism for automatic appointment is no longer provided, since it was determined that process for Board nominations should exist as a separate organizational policy.

As such, a *Board Development and Principles Policy* has been developed with research and consultation, in recognition of the historic and current relationship between parties, and the essential investment in the Museum by the City to realize strategic goals and provide service to the community. The new Policy creates an updated mechanism for a member of City Council or the Mayor to be nominated by Council and elected by the Museum Board.

Enclosed is a copy of Museum London's *Board Development and Principles Policy* (Appendix 1) and a request addressed to the City Clerk regarding a nominee for the position of City Board Representative (Appendix 2). Also attached for your information is the Museum's strategic plan, *Honouring and Amplifying Our Interconnections 2023-2027* (Appendix 3).

As always, we are available to discuss, answer questions and provide more information. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director



Sarah Padfield  
Board Chair