

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE MEETING ON JANUARY 27, 2013
FROM:	HARVEY FILGER DIRECTOR, CORPORATE INVESTMENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS
SUBJECT:	DONATION OF THE "WW1 WOODEN GUN WHEEL" FROM THE WESTERN ONTARIO GUNNER OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Corporate Investments and Partnerships Assets, this report concerning a letter of request from the Western Ontario Gunner Officers Association to donate the WW1 Wooden Gun Wheel historic artifact to the City of London **BE RECEIVED** for information.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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- Public Art Policy - Board of Control, January 2009
- The "Sentinel" Public Art – IEPC, December 2, 2013

BACKGROUND

The letter of request to the Honourable Mayor Joe Fontana to donate "the WW1 Wooden Gun Wheel" historic artifact to the City of London from the Western Ontario Gunner Officers Association is attached as appendix "A" to this report. The WWI Wooden Gun Wheel is an historic artifact which is from a Canadian field gun destroyed by enemy gun fire which was on display at the Delta London Armories hotel.

Review Process

Historic artifacts to be located on municipally-owned public space such as significant interior public areas of municipal buildings may be acquired through donation under the City's Public Art Program. Pursuant to the City of London Public Art Policy of January 2009, it is recommended that the Investment and Economic Prosperity Committee (IEPC) forward this request of this potential donation of the "WW1 Wooden Gun Wheel" to the Culture Office for review under this Policy.

The Culture Office will work with the London Arts Council/London Heritage Council Historic Artifacts Jury who will recommend to the Culture Office whether or not the City should take possession of the piece for display in the City Hall lobby. The Jury will adjudicate based upon background information about the artifacts valuation, ownership, specifications, and installation, maintenance and insurance considerations. The Culture Office will report back to Council once this review is complete.

PREPARED BY:	RECOMMENDED BY:
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The London Arts Council and the London Heritage Council
Jim Purser, City Clerks

Attachment: