
Date: January 2, 2014

To: Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee

From: London Convention Centre Board of Directors

Subject: London Convention Centre Corporation Board Appointment

Recommendation:

The LCC Board of Directors recommends Mr. Crispin Colvin to LCC Board of Directors for the first year of a three year term starting immediately until November 30, 2014. Mr. Colvin replaces Steve Peters as the regional representative with a background in the agricultural sector.

Background:

Under Section 4.1 of City of London By-law NO. A-5357-298 the LCC Board currently consists of the Mayor as a member ex officio and ten members appointed by Council:

- Two of whom shall be members of Council
- Six of whom may be engaged full-time in or otherwise representative of one of the following sectors of the community:
 - hospitality
 - travel and transportation
 - health
 - business
 - marketing or public relations
 - digital media
 - sports
 - agriculture or agrifoods
 - education
- one of who shall not be engaged either full-time or part-time in any sector mentioned above
- one whom may, but need not, be a member of the not-for-profit corporation Emerging Leaders London Community Network

Additionally, “Seventy-five percent (75%) of the Directors who are not Members of Council or the Mayor shall be residents of the City. The balance of the Directors, other than the Mayor and Members of Council, may be residents of any of the municipalities within 100 kilometres of the municipal boundaries of the City.”

The LCC Board seeks potential Board members who are leaders in their industry field and who are connectors to their community. Connectors enhance the LCC's potential to attract new convention opportunities to the City and provide a better understanding of the needs of a specific sector.

Mr. Steve Peters resigned from the LCC Board in the fall of 2013 due to work commitments. Mr. Peters was the first LCC regional appointment representing the agriculture or agrifoods sector.

Mr. Crispin Colvin is also such a connector having served the public and volunteered his time with several local and industry specific Boards including:

University of Western Ontario Board of Governors – 2000, 2002-2006

Past Warden, County of Middlesex – 2000

Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, Governor – 2007 - 2011

Fanshawe College Board of Governors - 2007 - 2013

Middlesex Federation of Agriculture, Director – 2007 - Present

Additionally, Mr Colvin, served on various committees during his 16 years on municipal council in West Nissouri as well as Thames Centre. Mr Colvin was Reeve and subsequently elected Deputy Mayor in 2000 after amalgamation and elected Mayor of Thames Centre from 2003 to 2006.

Through Middlesex County Council, Mr Colvin was appointed to the Middlesex-London Health Unit (1996-1998) and later to the London-Middlesex Emergency Committee (1998-2000).

Crispin Colvin is a graduate of both U.W.O. (B.A. 1979) and Fanshawe College (1974) in Recreation Leadership.

Mr. Colvin currently owns and operates a farm in Middlesex County. Mr. Colvin is a strong connector for the London Convention Centre to the regional agricultural community with a very strong background in Board Governance.