

March 18, 2015

Chair and Members  
Corporate Services Committee

Re: London Youth Advisory Council – Advisory Committee Appointments

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The London Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) has been established to mirror City Council, consisting elected individuals between the ages of 15 to 25. The LYAC's website indicates the following with respect to the role of the LYAC: "The London Youth Advisory Council (LYAC) exists to ensure that youth voices are integrated into local public policy decisions. We seek to reboot citizenship in London by encouraging youth to lead the charge against political apathy by playing a constructive role in the decision-making processes of the governments and institutions that influence our communities."

I understand that representatives from Western University and Fanshawe College currently sit as non-voting members on a number of the City of London's Advisory Committees. However, given the importance of ensuring that the youth have a voice in our community, I respectfully request that the Civic Administration be requested to amend the Terms of Reference of the Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee and the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee to provide for representatives of the London Youth Advisory Council to serve as voting members of the above-noted Advisory Committees.

Respectfully submitted,

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