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| TO: | CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON AUGUST 25, 2015 |
| FROM: | CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK |
| SUBJECT: | RECOGNITION OF THE REIGN OF QUEEN ELIZABETH II |

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| RECOMMENDATION |
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That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, with input from the Operations Management Team (OMT) and the Manager of Culture, the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to make the necessary arrangements to recognize the milestone of Queen Elizabeth II becoming the longest reigning monarch by implementing the following:

- a) placement of a commemorative book of well wishes for the public to sign in the Lobby of City Hall;
- b) planting an oak tree next to the King George VI oak tree in Victoria Park;
- c) submitting a letter from the Mayor to the Queen, recognizing the achievement; and
- d) holding a brief ceremony before or at the start of the September 9, 2015 Civic Works Committee meeting;

it being noted that the financing for the above-noted recognitions will be provided by Culture Office budget.

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| PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER |
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None.

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| BACKGROUND |
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Municipal Council, at its meeting held on July 28, 2015 resolved:

“That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to investigate the potential for commemorating Queen Elizabeth II as the longest reigning monarch on September 9, 2015, and report back to the appropriate Standing Committee, at the earliest opportunity, with recommended options that could be undertaken by the City of London to recognize Queen Elizabeth II”.

The City of London is also in receipt of the attached emails dated May 18, 2015 and May 22, 2015, respectively, (Appendix “A”) from Sandra Barker on behalf of the Monarchist League of Canada requesting that the City of London commemorate the milestone of Queen Elizabeth II becoming the longest reigning monarch on September 9, 2015.

The City of London has policies in place to provide for the recognition of events, neighbourhoods and individuals that may result in the renaming of a City of London buildings, streets, bridges or parks. These policies were reviewed by the Operations Management Team (OMT) in response to the above-noted direction. In addition, the OMT reviewed existing recognitions in place in London of Queen Elizabeth II and the Monarchy such as, but not limited to the following:

- Queen Alexandria Sanatorium (Beck Sanatorium, C.P.R.I)
- Duchess of Kent Legion
- Queens Park
- Victoria Park
- Tree in Victoria Park planted by the Queen and Jesse Davidson
- Princess Anne School
- Princess Elizabeth School
- Victoria Public School
- Queens Avenue
- Queens Place
- Victoria Hospital
- Golden Jubilee Square

As a result of the above-noted review, it is recommended that the following initiatives be undertaken to recognize the milestone of Queen Elizabeth II becoming the longest reigning monarch:

- i) place a commemorative book of well wishes for the public to sign in the Lobby of City Hall;
- ii) plant an oak tree next to the King George VI oak tree in Victoria Park;
- iii) submit a letter from the Mayor to the Queen, recognizing the achievement; and
- iv) hold a brief ceremony before or at the start of the September 9, 2015 Civic Works Committee meeting.

The above-noted recognitions will be funded by the Culture Office budget.

The attached report of the London Heritage Council (Appendix "B") provides background information with respect to the King George VI oak tree at Victoria Park, noting that oak trees have been traditionally used for recognition of monarch celebrations.

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| RECOMMENDED BY: |
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| CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK |