September 1, 2015

Chair and Members of the Corporate Services Committee

Re: Change in Property Ownership Fees

Recently, our office has been contacted on numerous occasions with respect to concerns regarding the City of London's change of property ownership fee. These fees are charged when records are updated after the sale of a home or if a name is added to or removed from ownership. This notice of fee is sometimes the first correspondence that new Londoner's receive from the municipality. I would like to enquire if there are alternate options for this fee to be collected, for example, at the time of purchase or in combination with property taxes rather than as a separate fee invoiced to the resident.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Ridley Councillor, Ward 10