

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 8, 2016
FROM:	CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK
SUBJECT	QUEEN ELIZABETH SCHOLARSHIP POLICY UPDATE

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the attached proposed by-law (Appendix "A") **BE INTRODUCED** at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on March 22, 2016 to amend Council Policy 1(3) Queen Elizabeth Scholarships, in order to reflect the current educational system in Ontario, which phased out Ontario Academic Credits in 2003.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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None.

BACKGROUND

Ontario Academic Credits (OAC) used to mean a fifth year of secondary school for students moving on to post-secondary education. However, in 2003 the Ontario Ministry of Education phased out OACs in favour of a four-year secondary school program. The current Council Policy 1(3) Queen Elizabeth Scholarships makes reference to OACs, which are no longer in place. The attached proposed by-law to amend Council Policy 1(3) (Appendix "A") updates the Policy to reflect the current educational system. Appendix "B" is the current Council Policy 1(3).

RECOMMENDED BY:
CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK

Appendices "A" and "B"

Appendix “A”

Bill No.
2016

By-law No. A.-

A by-law to amend Council Policy 1(3) entitled
“Queen Elizabeth Scholarships”.

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of London wishes to amend Council Policy 1(3) Queen Elizabeth Scholarships, to reflect the current Ontario curriculum.

AND WHEREAS section 5(3) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, provides that a municipal power shall be exercised by by-law;

NOW THEREFORE the Municipal Council of The Corporation of the City of London enacts as follows:

1. Council Policy 1(3) entitled “Queen Elizabeth Scholarships” is hereby amended by deleting part (a) and by replacing it with a new part a) as follows:

- (a) two Queen Elizabeth Scholarships, in the amount of \$2,000 each, shall be granted by the City of London in each school year, for admission to any University, to the two graduating high school students with the highest scholastic achievement.

2. Council Policy 1(3) is hereby further amended by adding a new part (1) under “Criteria” as follows:

- (1) Achievement will be based on the average of the student’s best six subjects in their graduating year, carried to two decimal points.

3. This by-law comes into force on the date it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on March 22, 2016.

Matt Brown
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

Appendix "B"

1(3) Queen Elizabeth Scholarships

That the following policy be established with respect to Queen Elizabeth Scholarships:

- (a) two Queen Elizabeth Scholarships, in the amount of \$2,000 each, shall be granted by the City of London in each school year, for admission to any University, to the two students with the highest scholastic achievement based on six O.A.C. Credits;
- (b) applications for the Queen Elizabeth Scholarship shall be completed and returned to the Thames Valley District School Board or the London District Catholic School Board prior to July 15 in any year;
- (c) the Director of Education of the Thames Valley District School Board (or his delegate) and the Director of Education of the London District Catholic School Board (or his/her delegate) shall meet prior to the last Monday in July of each year, for the purpose of determining the names of the applicant students who meet the terms of the Scholarship, and the names of three alternate applicant students, in order of merit; such names to be submitted to the Community & Protective Services Committee of the London City Council for consideration on the last Monday of July in each year;
- (d) the Community & Protective Services Committee shall recommend the names of the annual recipients of the Queen Elizabeth Scholarship to the London City Council for consideration at its first meeting after the successful applicants have been determined by the said committee;
- (e) the City Treasurer shall arrange for the payment of the Queen Elizabeth Scholarships in a manner which will be most advantageous to the recipients; and
- (f) the recipients will receive a citation stating that they have been awarded a Queen Elizabeth Scholarship in the current year.

Criteria

- (1) Achievement will be based on the average of the six subjects carried to two decimal points.
- (2) The student must meet the following residency requirements:
 - (i) have lived in the City of London for at least three years and have attended a secondary school within the City of London for his/her three final years of secondary school education;
 - (ii) have lived in the City of London for at least three years and have attended a secondary school outside the limits of the City of London for his/her final three years of secondary school education, provided the Thames Valley District School Board or the London District Catholic School Board has paid for his/her attendance at such school; or
 - (iii) have resided outside the limits of the City of London and have attended a secondary school within the City of London for his/her three final years of secondary school education, provided his or her parents or guardians either own or rent property within the City of London.