

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON OCTOBER 18, 2016
FROM:	CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK
SUBJECT	CITY OF LONDON DAYS BUDWEISER GARDENS

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the City of London Day at the Budweiser Gardens for the London Celebrates Canada 50th Anniversary of the Canadian Flag, originally approved by the Municipal Council to be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017, BE CANCELLED at the request of the London Celebrates Canada.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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- Finance and Administration Committee – November 30, 2011
- Corporate Services Committee – August 26, 2014

BACKGROUND

Municipal Council, at its session held on December 6 and 7, 2011, resolved:

*“That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, and in accordance with the policy for City events at the John Labatt Centre, the following events **BE APPROVED** as a City of London Day at the John Labatt Centre:*

London Celebrates Canada – Sunday, February 15, 2015 – 50th Anniversary of the Canadian Flag, Wednesday February 15, 2017 – Canada’s Sesquicentennial Anniversary of Confederation.”

We are in receipt of the attached email dated September 6, 2016 from the Chairperson of London Celebrates Canada indicating that the volunteer Board of Directors has decided to withdraw their request for the use of one of the City of London Days at Budweiser Gardens with respect to the Wednesday, February 15, 2017 date, as the Committee explored several project ideas but “failed to secure sufficient commitment to justify the necessary deposits.”

The City of London agreement with the London Civic Centre (LP) provides for five community days annually for the use of the Budweiser Gardens. With this withdrawal, there remains five days available in 2017.

RECOMMENDED BY:
CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK

Bush, Anastasia

From: Saunders, Cathy
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 4:08 PM
To: Bush, Anastasia
Subject: FW: Budweiser Gardens - Flag Day 2017 (February 15)

From: Randy Warden [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 4:00 PM
To: Armistead, Robin <Rarmiste@London.ca>
Cc: Brian Ohl (Budweiser Gardens) <bohl@budweisergardens.com>; Saunders, Cathy <csaunder@london.ca>; City of London, Mayor <mayor@london.ca>
Subject: Budweiser Gardens - Flag Day 2017 (February 15)

Greetings Robin,

I regret to inform you that London Celebrates Canada has released our February 15, 2017 "London Days" reservation for Budweiser Gardens.

As you know, our not-for-profit committee explored several significant project ideas in which to celebrate the National Flag of Canada Day. Sadly, at the end of the day, we failed to secure sufficient commitment to justify the necessary deposits.

It was the decision of our volunteer Board of Directors that should programming not be resolved by end-August, we'd release the "Bud" so they would have ample opportunity to secure another event. In addition to yours and my telephone call, I contacted Mr. Brian Ohl to let him know of our decision. He was understanding and most supportive.

On behalf our entire team, thank you for your and the City's support as we now turn our full attention to other exciting programming for Canada's sesquicentennial year of Confederation.

Randy Warden
Chairperson / président
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