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14 December, 2016

To Whom it may concern:

We, at the Society for Learning in Retirement have been supporting the application by Campus Creative Inc. to acquire the Lorne Avenue Public School property since April 2016. Attached please find a copy of our formal letter of support dated August 13, 2016.

I am writing today to point out that, while we believe the proposed London Intergenerational Community Centre, would be the ideal venue for our educational charity to run our academic program for Seniors, we cannot wait indefinitely. Our Board has determined that we must have some word as to the disposition of the Lorne Avenue School by June 30th, 2017, and after that we must move ahead with alternate plans.

We wish the City authorities god-speed in their deliberations, and trust you will recognize how valuable the Public/Private LICC initiative would be for re-invigorating the East London Community, as well as providing excellent quarters for many NFPs and small enterprises.

Yours sincerely
Jean Surry
Director,
Society for Learning in Retirement.



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We, at the Society for Learning in Retirement wish to support the application by Campus Creative Inc to acquire the Lorne Avenue Public School property.

The Society for Learning in Retirement (SLR), <<http://srlondon.ca/>>, is a Not-for-Profit registered Charity, established here in London 22 years ago. It is member-run, providing active learning opportunities for all who are retired or semi-retired, regardless of their formal education. Our annual membership has grown to 350 London seniors, to whom we offer over 28 'Study' courses on a wide variety of topics. With groups limited to twenty members, each person is responsible for one hour: giving a short presentation followed by discussion. This peer-to-peer learning model has always attracted people with lively, curious minds who like active participation. To enhance our members' sense of community, we have developed about 50 activities of a less formal nature: round-table discussions, tours of places of interest, computing, acting, singing, instrumental music, poetry, photography, and so on. We have no paid staff, but sixty of our members assist the several committees necessary to plan and run the program.

On September 30th, 2014, we were honoured with an award from the City of London "for outstanding service to the community". I can also mention that among our members are many that have contributed and continue to contribute significantly to the London community as a whole: we tend to be enthusiastic, participatory people.

We were originally sponsored and housed by Westminster College which, when it was sold to Western University, continued to support us through the Westminster Foundation. We now operate with a small grant from them and our membership fees. In 2013 we relocated to Grosvenor Lodge, a beautiful heritage home owned by the City of London and operated by the London Heritage Foundation. Our problem is one to be proud of: We are outgrowing our space! With very little advertising we continue to grow, and we know there are many more London seniors who would appreciate belonging to our community if we could only but house them. We are anxious to find a facility that could be a community 'home' for up to 500 of London's seniors in the future.

Our current need is for three large, accessible, classrooms for about 50 seniors at any given time on weekdays between 9 am and 4 pm, throughout the year. We need some storage for our

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computers and A/V equipment, and a lockable office for our administrative and considerable printing activities. Occasionally, we need a large enough space (such as a gym), with kitchen, to be able to host two to three hundred for an 'event'. Further, a central location, easy public transport and free parking are essential aspects for our members. All this, of course, must come within reach of our modest budget.

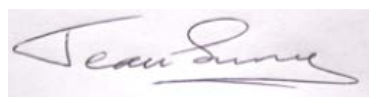
To date we have searched among over thirty locations [now FIFTY as of December 2016!] to find somewhere that satisfies all these essential requirements, to no avail. **The prospect of Lorne Avenue Public School becoming the London Intergenerational Community Centre appears to us to offer all, and then some, of what we require.**

Campus Creative, with William Komer at the helm, have demonstrated to us an exciting and attractive vision to bring a wide variety of groups together in such a building. Their personal commitment to managing and enhancing their current space at the old St. Peters School on Wellington Road was very clear on our two site visits: the use of simple but effective décor, with professional and amateur art; the avoidance of altering the original structure, by use of overlays and channeled wiring; with quality paint work over the 'institutional' colours of old; and imaginative use of low cost, attractive furnishings, and dividers where necessary.

The enthusiasm and determination of Mr Komer are attractive traits, and we think SLR could very successfully integrate into his vision for LICC. We recognize the considerable need by many other community groups for such a center, and think our members would enjoy participating with the many potential 'residents' of the building; perhaps new links with school age, and working aged people will develop among us all? This is a vision for London to meet its citizens' needs in this downtown location.

We, therefore, encourage the Council to give serious consideration to the proposal by Creative Campus to acquire the Lorne Avenue Public School.

Yours sincerely,



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Society for Learning in Retirement.

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