

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON AUGUST 29, 2017
FROM:	CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK
SUBJECT	COUNCIL POLICY– AMENDMENT OF FLAGS AT CITY HALL POLICY

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the City Clerk, the following actions be taken with respect to the displaying the flags of the First Nations at City Hall:

- a) the attached proposed by-law (Appendix “A”) to amend the Council Policy entitled “Flags at City Hall” BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on September 5, 2017 to provide for an invitation to the following First Nations to have their flags displayed in City Hall on September 7th of each year, if they so choose, to recognize the anniversary of the “London Township Treaty”:

Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
Chippewas of Kettle and Stoney Point First Nation
Walpole Island First Nation
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Caldwell First Nation; and,
- b) continued conversations BE HELD with area First Nations to pursue other commemorative opportunities.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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Item #22 – September 24, 2008 – Board of Control
Item #3 – November 12, 2013 – Corporate Services Committee

BACKGROUND

Municipal Council, at its meeting held on September 13, 2016 resolved:

“That the City Clerk BE DIRECTED to bring forward, at a future meeting of the Corporate Services Committee, an amendment to Council Policy 16(21) Flags at City Hall to provide for the flying of the First Nations flag on the Community Flag Pole on September 7th of each year to recognize the anniversary of the “London Township Treaty”.”

Municipal Council, at its meeting held on May 16, 2017 resolved:

- “c) the request to invite the Munsee-Delaware Nation, the Oneida Nation of the Thames and the Chippewas of the Thames First Nation to provide their flags and have them raised in an appropriate manner at London City Hall BE REFERRED to the Civic Administration in order to allow for consultation and report back with respect to this matter.”

Based upon research, it has been found that a “First Nations” flag does not exist and that instead each First Nation has its own flag. With respect to recognition of the anniversary of the “London Township Treaty”, former Chief Leslee White-Eye has advised that the “London Township Treaty” contained the following signatory Nations:

Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
Chippewas of Kettle and Stoney Point First Nation
Walpole Island First Nation
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Caldwell First Nation

The Civic Administration is recommending that the Council policy entitled “Flags at City Hall” be amended to include an invitation to the five First Nations noted above, to provide their flags for display at City Hall on September 7th of each year, should they so choose, in recognition of the anniversary of the “London Township Treaty”.

It is further recommended that continued conversations be held with area First Nations to pursue other commemorative opportunities.

RECOMMENDED BY:
CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK

APPENDIX "A"

Bill No.

By-law No. CPOL.-

A by-law to amend the Council Policy entitled "Flags at City Hall".

WHEREAS the Council of The Corporation of the City of London wishes to amend the Council Policy entitled "Flags at City Hall";

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. Part (b) of the Council Policy entitled "Flags at City Hall" be hereby amended by adding the following new part (g):

"(g) Display of First Nations Flags at City Hall

The following First Nations shall be invited to have their flags displayed in City Hall on September 7th of each year, should they so choose, to recognize the anniversary of the "London Township Treaty":

Chippewas of the Thames First Nation
Chippewas of Kettle and Stoney Point First Nation
Walpole Island First Nation
Aamjiwnaang First Nation
Caldwell First Nation.

2. This by-law comes into force and effect on the date it is passed.

PASSED in Open Council on September 5, 2017.

Matt Brown
Mayor

Catharine Saunders
City Clerk

First Reading – September 5, 2017
Second Reading – September 5, 2017
Third Reading – September 5, 2017