

APPENDIX A

REPORT REGARDING THE CHANGES TO THE “*PROPOSED REVISIONS TO MUSEUM LONDON’S ACT OF INCORPORATION (BILL PR 16)*”

30 July 2012

A report was submitted to City Council by Robin Armistead and Jennifer Smout on August 29 and 30, 2011. City Council referred this report back to the Museum London Board of Directors for clarification and further consultation with the community. That consultation has taken place and this report is submitted with the following board recommended amendments to the draft Museum London By-Law previously submitted.

The consultation process that Museum London followed to respond to the Council Resolution included having the resolution reviewed by Museum London Board, reviewing the proposed bylaw with affected stakeholders who spoke to Council about proposed bylaw, and posting the proposed bylaw in our enewsletter, on our website and through the London Arts Council portal for public feedback. We received two responses and were able to provide satisfactory answers to those two individuals, one who asked about our 2001 name change and the other who was asking about the make-up of our board committees.

4. *Board of Directors*

The proposed revisions to this section originally stated that it was to include “removing the appointed seats on the Museum London Board (with the exception of the City Council seat) although the Museum will continue to recruit members from these constituencies”.

This has changed to “removing the appointed seats on the Museum London Board of the London and Middlesex Historical Society, and the London Historical Museums Association”. The London Historical Museums Association ceased operations in 1995 and can therefore no longer appoint Board members and the London and Middlesex Historical Society has asked to have a non-voting advisory role to the Board which would not be part of the Act.

The other appointed seats (one person from City Council, one person appointed by and from The London Public Library Board, one person elected by and from Canadian Artists' Representation, two persons elected by and from the Volunteer Committee of the corporation) would remain.

We have and continue to consult directly through one-on-one meetings with these groups regarding their relationship to the Museum London Board and to the Museum

and feel at this time that their continued presence on the Board is a valuable asset to the organization.

As well, it should be noted that the requirement that one of the Board members “shall be a professional artist who resides in the City of London or the County of Middlesex and who is not a member of Canadian Artists' Representation” will remain in effect as well.

8. Nominating Committee

The proposed revisions to this section, specifically Section 8.1, originally stated that “the board shall establish a nominating committee which shall consist of five members and shall include the chairperson of the board, the executive director of the corporation, the nominee of the City, and two directors designated by the board, one of whom shall be appointed chairperson of the nominating committee by the board”.

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Additionally, regarding item 7 (ii) in the Council Resolution, we do not feel there needs to be any additional terms under which appointed members may be removed from the Board by Municipal Council.

Submitted by

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