



Councillor Virginia Ridley, Ward 10

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Chair and Members
Community and Protective Services Committee

Re: Neighbourhood Equipment Access

It has been brought to my attention that on several occasions, churches are being denied access to neighbourhood equipment.

I have recently had two separate church groups (St. John the Divine Catholic Church & Westmount Presbyterian Church) contact me requesting to borrow equipment for community events, where they have been informed that the equipment is reserved for the needs of residents and resident groups only.

Church and faith groups are an important part of each neighbourhood, often hosting many community meetings and community building events. Their involvement in the neighbourhood assists in enabling neighbourhoods to become stronger and supportive.

I am therefore seeking support of the following recommendation:

“That the Civic Administration BE REQUESTED to amend the Neighbourhood Event Equipment Lending Program to church groups to organizations eligible to request use of City of London equipment to host community events.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

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