

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS INVESTMENT AND ECONOMIC PROSPERITY COMMITTEE OCTOBER 16, 2012
FROM:	HARVEY FILGER DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE INVESTMENTS AND PARTNERSHIPS
SUBJECT:	CANCELLATION OF THE ELDON HOUSE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH THE MUSEUM LONDON

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Corporate Investments and Partnerships, the City Clerk **BE AUTHORIZED** to give notice to Museum London that the Eldon House Service Agreement dated Dec 22, 2010 between the City and Museum London for the operation of Eldon House be terminated effective December 31, 2012, noting that operating responsibilities will be transferred to the Eldon House Corporation January 1, 2013.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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- Municipal Council Resolution December 22, 2010 – Museum London Eldon House Service Agreement with the City of London.
- Municipal Council Resolution September 19, 2011 – Creation of a Separate Eldon House Board.
- Municipal Council Resolution May 22/23, 2012 – Creation of a separate Eldon House Municipal Service Board through municipal by-law.

BACKGROUND

On May 22, 2012 Council passed by-law # A.-6825-162 which established Eldon House Corporation as a municipal service board. The board is charged with the management and operation of Eldon House. All of the provisions in the by-law came into force and effect on May 22, 2012, except the provisions relating to the management and operation of the home. Those provisions will come into force on January 1, 2013.

The purpose of the staggered dates was to allow time for Council to appoint members to the Eldon House board and for a transition period for the board to organize its affairs prior to taking on the management of the home. Operation of Eldon House remains the responsibility of Museum London under the terms of an operating agreement dated Dec 22, 2010 with the City.

Council appointed members to the Eldon House board on August 28, 2012. The board has held its inaugural meeting on September 21, 2012 and has set a schedule for the remainder of the year. The board has advised that it will be ready to assume the operations of Eldon House effective January 1, 2013.

The operating agreement with Museum London provides for termination by either party on 60 days' written notice and it is recommended that the City Clerk be authorized to give 60 days' written notice of termination of the Eldon House Service Agreement to Museum London for termination of the Agreement effective December 31, 2012.

The Eldon House board continues to work closely with Museum London to ensure a smooth transition of the Eldon House museum's operational responsibilities.

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