

<b>TO:</b>	<b>CHAIR AND MEMBERS COMMUNITY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING ON MARCH 19, 2019</b>
<b>FROM:</b>	<b>LYNNE LIVINGSTONE MANAGING DIRECTOR, NEIGHBOURHOOD, CHILDREN &amp; FIRE SERVICES</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>REQUEST FOR DEDICATION OF FIRE STATION #4 870 COLBORNE STREET IN MEMORY OF DEPUTY CHIEF W. PETER HARDING</b>

**RECOMMENDATION**

That, the request to dedicate of Fire Station #4 located at 870 Colborne Street in memory of Deputy Chief W. Peter Harding, BE APPROVED.

**PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER**

None.

**BACKGROUND**

The Council Policy entitled “Dedication of Fire Stations” provides for the dedication of fire stations in memory of London firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty.

The following attached communications have been submitted in support of a request that Fire Station #4, located at 870 Colborne Street (southwest corner of Colborne Street and St. James Street) be dedicated in memory of Deputy Chief W. Peter Harding, who passed away in December 2018:

- A letter of support from J. Harding (Appendix “A”)
- A letter of support from the Knights of Columbus, Jerome P. McNamara Assembly # 2575 (Appendix “B”)
- A letter of support from St. John Ambulance St-Jean (Appendix “C”)
- A letter of support from the London Professional Fire Fighters Association (Appendix “D”)
- A letter of support from the London Food Bank (Appendix “E”)
- An email of support from C. Swanton (Appendix “F”)

Rationale in support of the Request

The above-noted submissions set out the following in support of the request:

- W. Peter Harding was a member of the City of London Fire Department for 38 years before retiring as a Deputy Chief in 1998.
- W. Peter Harding joined the St. John Ambulance in the early 1970’s.
- W. Peter Harding was a founding board member of the London Food Bank.
- W. Peter Harding was a member of the Knights of Columbus since 1955.

More details with respect to his above-noted service can be found in the communications attached to this report.

Fire Station #4

Fire Station #4 is located at the southwest corner of Colborne Street and St. James Street.

As indicated in the submission received from J. Harding, W. Peter Harding began his career as a firefighter at Fire Station #4 and had “always expressed a great affinity for it”.

Review of Council Policy entitled “Dedication of Fire Stations”

The Council Policy entitled “Dedication of Fire Stations” applies to seven existing facilities (Station Nos. 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8 and 11), as well as any stations constructed in the future. The dedication is to be in memory of fallen firefighters who have lost their lives in the line of duty. We are advised that W. Peter Harding’s illness that ultimately took his life, is believed to be work related and has been recognized as such.

Request Review

The Municipal Addressing Advisory Group (MAAG), which is comprised of representatives from Emergency Services, Utility Companies, the City’s Planning, Development and Compliance Services, Clerk’s and Engineering Services has indicated no objection to the proposed dedication of Fire Hall #4 in memory of Deputy Chief W. Peter Harding.

Based on the information that has been submitted in support of the request, the Civic Administration is of the opinion that the request appears to comply with Council Policy “Dedication of Fire Stations”.

Financial Implications

The Civic Administration has advised that the cost to place signage at the Fire Station is minimal and can be absorbed within the Neighbourhood, Children & Fire Services’ budget.

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