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Subject: Full-time councillor discussion

Dear Chair and Members of the CSC,

London is the 11th largest city in Canada, yet the role of city councillor is still part-time. The corporation employs thousands of full-time people to do its work, yet the chief decision makers are not included among them. According to a recent AMCTO report, all comparator cities in Ontario have council members whose primary activity is the advancement of their municipality, yet London has not even engaged in the discussion of whether or not it should follow suit. For these reasons, I am requesting that your committee consider the following motion:

That the following issues be referred to the governance working group for discussion, with respect to the next term of Council:

- 1) Should the role of councillor be considered full-time? And if so:
- 2) Should the number of councillors remain the same or be reduced?
- 3) Should committee meetings be held primarily during the day?
- 4) What is the appropriate compensation for a full-time councillor?

Sincerely,

Michael van Holst