



November 17, 2019

Councillor Arielle Kayabaga
London City Hall
300 Dufferin Avenue
London, Ontario

Endorsing your motion to City Council to proclaim Black History Month

Pride London Festival is proud to support your endeavours to have London City Council proclaim February as Black History Month in our city effective 2020.

As you know, Pride London Festival fought very hard to get a proclamation from City Council in the mid 1990s, from then Mayor Dianne Haskett. The proclamation meant a lot to the LGBT2Q+ communities, as it recognizes our celebration as valid and important to the residents of the city.

Though seemingly a small gesture, it is important that the City of London shows leadership and takes the steps to acknowledge the deep historical roots and connections to its Black Community.

As we understand it, we are one of the only major cities in Canada that do not already mark this important month through a Council's proclamation. We believe it is beyond time to take this step, as a sign of respect, and as a commitment to recognizing the diverse communities that call London home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew Rosser". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Andrew Rosser
President, Pride London Festival