

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING JANUARY 20, 2020
FROM:	CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK
SUBJECT:	APPLICATION – ISSUANCE OF PROCLAMATION LONDON BLACK HISTORY MONTH 2020

RECOMMENDATION

That, the Civic Administration BE ADVISED as to how Municipal Council wishes to proceed with the attached (Appendix “A”) request to proclaim February as “London Black History Month 2020”.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

Corporate Services Committee – December 3, 2019
Corporate Services Committee – January 6, 2020

BACKGROUND

That following resolution was adopted at the Municipal Council Meeting held on January 14, 2020:

“That the proposed by-law, as appended to the staff report dated January 6, 2020 BE INTRODUCED at the Municipal Council meeting to be held on January 14, 2020 to repeal Council Policy By-law No. CPOL.-115-367, as amended by By-law No. CPOL.-115(a)-418, being “Issuance of Proclamations Policy” and replace it with a new Council Policy entitled “Issuance of Proclamations Policy”; it being noted that this Policy will be enacted as a pilot project.”

In response to the enactment of the above-noted Policy, the Civic Administration received the attached “Proclamation Request Form” and supporting documentation (Appendix “A”) requesting that the month of February be proclaimed “London Black History Month 2020”. Additional information regarding the organization can be found at the following link: <http://www.lcclc.org/index.php/black-history-month>

A copy of the “Issuance of Proclamations Policy” is attached as Appendix “B” to this report.

The Policy sets out the following provisions:

- The request must clearly identify the significance and connection of the proclamation to the mandate and goals as set out in the City of London’s Strategic Plan.
- The Application must provide sufficient background information about the organization, cause or event being proclaimed and the proposed text for inclusion in the proclamation. The Proposed text is subject to approval by the City of London to ensure compliance with the City of London’s policies and by-laws.

The information submitted by the Applicant in support of their Application can be found on the attached Appendix “A” and the link noted above.

At the time of the preparation of this Report, the wording of the proposed Proclamation was not available.

CONCLUSION

The Civic Administration is seeking direction from the Municipal Council as to how they wish to proceed with the attached (Appendix "A") request to proclaim February as "London Black History Month 2020."

SUBMITTED BY:

CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK

Proclamation Request Form

Requests for the issuance of proclamations are governed by Council Policy (excerpted below). Requests must be received at least six (6) weeks in advance of the requested issuance date and may be emailed to the City Clerk at ClerksApprovalRequests@london.ca or mailed to City Hall, P.O. Box 5035 LONDON, ON, N6A 4L9.

Request details

Name of Organization London Black History Coordinating Committee
Date Proclamation Required Monday January 28, 2020 or anytime that week – before Saturday February 1, 2020
Proclamation Name London Black History Month 2020
Proclamation Type (day), (week), (month) Monday January 28, 2020
Category (public awareness campaigns), (charitable fundraising campaigns), (arts and cultural celebrations) Public Awareness and Recognition of the contributions of people of African descent who have called London Home since 1865
Requester Name Carl Cadogan, Chair
Requester Telephone Number
Requester Email Address
Requester Address C/O London Cross Cultural Centre 505 Dundas Street London, Ontario N6B 1W4
Required Supporting Documents <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Detail information on the Organization • Detail information on the Event • Confirmation of authorization from the Organization to submit the request

The undersigned confirms that I am the Official Representative of the Organization requesting the Proclamation and that by signing this Application, I acknowledge and agree that my organization complies with all City of London's Policies and By-laws.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul J. Aditya".

14.01.2022

Signature

Date

NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

Personal information collected on this form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, S.O. 2001, c. 25 and may also be used for purposes related to the Issuance of Proclamations Policy and Proclamation Request Form. Questions about this collection should be addressed to the City Clerk, 3rd floor, City Hall, 300 Dufferin Ave., London, ON N6A 4L9. Tel: 519-661-2489, ext. 4937, email: csaunder@london.ca

2020 Theme – Our Community is our Strength

The London Black History Coordinating Committee, since its inception, has been supported by the London Cross Cultural Learner Centre. From its mission statement: *LCCLC is a community organization that exists to provide settlement services and support to newcomers and to promote intercultural awareness and understanding.* The centre provides outreach support to the committee and an employee of the LCCLC is a member of our committee.

Since 2001, the London Black History Coordinating Committee has held events to celebrate Black History Month. The Committee also acts as a coordinating body to ensure that the community knows about all events not only those developed and planned by the Committee. In 2019, the committee organized six events and continued to promote other similar events in the London area on our Facebook page and on our website. The events in 2019 included: The Opening Ceremony, which featured performances as well as booths displaying information about various cultural groups; The African Food Festival, a food experience featuring food from three East African and three West African countries. The Children’s Festival, held at the downtown branch of LPL, with a turnout of over 350 people including over three hundred children; the Closing Gala, which featured the Black Community Achievement Award ceremony as well as a number of musical and artistic performances.

Through entertainment and education, Black History Month assists with increasing the knowledge in London about the contributions of Canadians of African descent. The social nature of the activities organized and supported, provides time for the community to present their successes and achievements to the city, highlighting their contributions and encouraging more interactions among and between Londoners of different cultures and races. Reducing negative stereotypes and increasing opportunities for community engagement is a proven method for helping to reduce prejudice and discrimination.

Volunteer Committee (Representing almost 20 different organizations and institutions)

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Alisha Moser

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Gabrielle Laurin

Katherine Dann

Sara Sale

Vilma Francois



January 15, 2020

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

Arielle, I looked at the City of London's strategic plan and I believe the two points below best describe how LBHCC fits in. It is also more than those from the Black community fitting in, and feeling a sense of belonging, but it also means that others, who are not as familiar and know nothing of how far back our community goes in this city, will also learn more through the programming in February.

Strategic Priorities:

- Increase the number of residents who feel welcomed and included
- Create inclusive engagement opportunities for Londoners

We look forward to seeing this proclamation in place after such a long time and your valiant work.

Sincerely,

Carl Cadogan, Chair

London Black History Coordinating Committee



November 19, 2019

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

Endorsing Motion to proclaim Black History Month

The London Black History Coordinating Committee is delighted that London City Council will vote on a motion to proclaim February as Black History Month effective 2020.

This is a long overdue acknowledgement for many Londoners of black origin. Proclaiming BHM will demonstrate the deep appreciation of the connection, history and contributions of the Black Community to London.

The proclamation will also allow every Londoner to gain a greater understanding of London's heritage.

We hope the City will favourably consider this motion. History will look upon this motion as a momentous occasion for a progressive city that embraces its diverse histories and

Sincerely,

Carl Cadogan, Chair

London Black History Coordinating Committee



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

EVENTS 2020

OUR COMMUNITY IS OUR STRENGTH

OPENING CELEBRATION

Saturday February 1
12:45 – 4 pm
Museum London
421 Ridout Street North

FEB 1
FREE

“Cultural groups and services present their art, crafts, entertainment, music and delicious food. Special Guest Speaker: Christopher Taylor Professor at the University of Waterloo. He currently teaches in the Department of History and the Arts First program and is an accomplished author of *Flying Fish in the Great White North: The Autonomous Migration of Black Barbadians*.

Contact: Museum London 519-661-0333
Leroy: leroy@lusocentre.org

MOVIE NIGHT

Wednesday February 19
6-9pm
Central Library Wolf Performance Hall
251 Dundas St

FEB 19
FREE

Lee Daniels' film tells the story of Cecil Gaines, a White House butler who served eight American presidents over three decades. The film traces the dramatic changes that swept American society during this time, from the civil rights movement to Vietnam and beyond, and how those changes affected this man's life and family. This program was prepared in partnership with Congress of Black Women of Canada, London Chapter. Contact: info@lpl.ca

2020 BLACK COMMUNITY ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - Call for Nominees

The London Black History Coordinating Committee will recognize two deserving members of our community (one male and one female) based on their past and or present service and contribution to the community, both in the Black community and the community at large.

Forms available online -lbhcc.ca/awards
Contact: info@lbhcc.ca

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FILMS AT THE LIBRARY

Beacock - 2 pm, February 1
East London, - 6:30 pm, Feb 6
Landon - 2 pm, Feb. 12
Bostwick - 2 pm, Feb. 15
Cherryhill - 6:30 pm, Feb. 20
Stoney Creek - 12 pm, Feb. 22
Contact: info@lpl.ca

FEB 1-22
FREE

AFRICAN FOOD FESTIVAL

Friday February 21
5:30 - 9 pm
Trinity United Church
76 Doulton St.

FEB 21
\$5/person
\$10/family
RSVP FEB 18

We will serve food from different African countries and culture
Contact: fanny.newport@ccflondon.ca
RSVP by Feb. 18th at 4 pm

CLOSING CELEBRATION

Saturday February 29
2-5pm
Central Library
Wolf Performance Hall
251 Dundas St.

FEB 29
Purchase Tickets

Join us for an entertaining line-up of dance, song, spoken word, history and more. Reception, including food and drinks, to follow. Presented by the London Black History Coordinating Committee in partnership with London Public Library. Tickets can be purchased online at Eventbrite Music, in person, or by phone at Wolf Performance Hall and Meeting Services, Central Library, 519-661-5120 (Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm).
Contact: info@lpl.ca

FAMILY DAY CELEBRATION

Saturday February 15
10 am - 2 pm
Central Library,
251 Dundas St.

FEB 15
FREE

Join us as we celebrate Black History Month with activities for the whole family! Enjoy performances, Limbo dancing, music, crafts, games and more. Presented by the London Black History Coordinating Committee in partnership with London Public Library and the London Children's Museum. Refreshments and snacks for sale.

LEWIS CORAY TRAILBLAZER AWARD FOR YOUTH

Friday February 27
6:00 pm
London Police Service, 601 Dundas St.

FEB 27
FREE

In honour of Retired Sgt. Lewis Coray, this award recognizes high school applicants from African, Caribbean & Black Canadian Communities. Limited seating.

The goal of the **London Black History Coordinating Committee** is to engage the community in celebrating Black History Month through organizing, supporting, and collaborating with community organizations on programs and activities that are available in the region to educate, inform and uplift.
Website: www.lbhcc.ca

THERE'S SO MUCH MORE!

Would you like to promote your Black History month event?

To include your events on our website, email: info@lbhcc.ca

Visit our website www.lbhcc.ca or check us out on Facebook or twitter for more information.



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Issuance of Proclamations Policy

Policy Name: Issuance of Proclamations Policy

Legislative History: Adopted September 19, 2017 (By-law No. CPOL.-115-367);
Amended July 24, 2018 (By-law No. CPOL.-115(a)-418)

Last Review Date: January 6, 2020

Service Area Lead: City Clerk

1. Policy Statement

1.1 This policy sets out the requirements for the issuance of proclamations.

2. Definitions

2.1 Not applicable.

3. Applicability

3.1 This policy shall apply to any request for the issuance of proclamations on behalf of the City of London.

4. The Policy

4.1. Proclamations are ceremonial documents issued and signed by the Mayor on behalf of City of London Council that officially recognizes public awareness campaigns; charitable fundraising campaigns; and arts and cultural celebrations of organizations that reside/operate within the City of London. The requester must clearly identify the significance and connection of the proclamation to the mandate and goals as set out in the City of London's Strategic Plan. A proclamation does not constitute a personal or civic endorsement.

Application Process

- a) Proclamations requests are to be submitted on the City of London Application form to the City Clerk's Office at least six (6) weeks in advance of the requested issuance date.
- b) The Application must provide sufficient background information about the organization, cause or event being proclaimed and the proposed text for inclusion in the proclamation. The proposed text is subject to approval by the City of London to ensure compliance with City of London's policies and by-laws.
- c) Upon receipt of the Application, the City Clerk's Office will review the Application in accordance with this Policy and if the Application appears to be in compliance with the Policy, the Application will be placed on the next available Corporate Services Committee meeting for consideration.
- d) The Corporate Services Committee will review the Application and provide a recommendation to the Municipal Council for consideration with respect to the disposition of the Applications.

Administration of Policy:

- e) The cause or event must contribute to the economic, social and cultural fabric of the City of London.
- f) Repeat requests must be submitted on an annual basis.
- g) An organization may request one proclamation per calendar year.
- h) Organization do not have exclusive rights to the day, week, or month being proclaimed.
- i) Proclamations of a similar topic will be issued on a first come first served basis.
- j) The City of London will not incur any expenses relating to the advertising or promotion of a proclamation. Recipients are responsible for the promotion of the proclamation, organization of related activities and for all associated costs.
- k) Proclamations will not be issued for:
 - Matters of political controversy, ideological or religious beliefs or individual conviction.
 - Events or organizations with no direct connection to the City of London.
 - Campaigns or events contrary to City of London policies or by-laws.
 - National, Independence or Republic Days.
 - Campaign or events intended for profit-making purposes.
 - Recognition of individuals.
 - Recognition of events or organizations that espouse discrimination, hatred, violence or racism.
 - Matters attempting to influence government policy.
 - Matters designed to incite hatred or disorder.
- l) The City of London reserves the right to refuse to issue a proclamation.