

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING AUGUST 10, 2020
FROM:	CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK
SUBJECT:	APPLICATION – ISSUANCE OF PROCLAMATION MITOCHONDRIAL DISEASE AWARENESS WEEK

RECOMMENDATION

That, the Civic Administration BE ADVISED as to how Municipal Council wishes to proceed with the attached (Appendix “A”) Proclamation request.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER

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

BACKGROUND

The Issuance of Proclamations Policy is attached as Schedule “A” for information purposes.

CONCLUSION

The Civic Administration is seeking direction from the Municipal Council as to how they wish to proceed with the attached (Appendix “A”) proclamation request received on July 30, 2020 from MitoCanada requesting the week of September 13 – 19, 2020 be proclaimed “Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week”.

The following sets out the review process for Applications for proclamations:

- The cause or event must contribute to the economic, social and cultural fabric of the City of London
- Proclamations will not be issued for the following:
 - i. Matters of political controversy, ideological or religious beliefs or individual conviction
 - ii. Events or organizations with no direct connection to the city
 - iii. Campaigns or events contrary to City of London policies or by-laws
 - iv. National, Independence or Republic Days
 - v. Campaigns or events intended for profit-making purposes
 - vi. Recognition of individuals
 - vii. Recognition of events or organizations that espouse discrimination, hatred, violence or racism
 - viii. Matters attempting to influence government policy
 - ix. Matters designed to incite hatred or disorder

The Civic Administration is seeking direction from Municipal Council with respect to this matter.

SUBMITTED BY:
CATHY SAUNDERS CITY CLERK

Appendix "A"

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 MitoCanada
Date Proclamation Required September 13th – 19th
Proclamation Name Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week
Proclamation Type (day), (week) , (month) Week
Category (public awareness campaigns), (charitable fundraising campaigns) , (arts and cultural celebrations) charitable fundraising campaigns
Requester Name Anthony Nahas
Requester Telephone Number 587-889-1454
Requester Email Address Anthony.nahas@mitocanada.org
Requester Address 176 signature close SW
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. Anthony Nahas _____ Signature _____ Date 07/30/2020
NOTICE OF COLLECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION Personal information collected on this form is collected under the authority of the <i>Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25</i> 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

Foundation Name: MitoCanada Foundation

Details on organization: The MitoCanada Foundation is Canada's only not-for-profit organization focused on mitochondrial disease. Our charitable organization was formed in 2010 by a group of passionate Canadian parents whose previously happy, healthy children were given a diagnosis of mitochondrial disease. MitoCanada is a charitable foundation that strives to help raise awareness and funds for mitochondrial disease. Mitochondrial diseases result from failures of the mitochondria, specialized compartments present in every cell of the body except for the red blood cells. The foundation helps to raise awareness through their website and through the events TEAMMito participates in.

Details on the Event: Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week will occur from September 13th to the 19th, 2020. Throughout this week, there will be events and activities taking place all over the country with the goal of raising money and awareness for mitochondrial disease. As of right now there is no cure and the money raised will go towards funding transformational research, with the hope of eventually discovering a cure.

Mitochondrial diseases result from failures of the mitochondria, specialized compartments present in every cell of the body except red blood cells. Mitochondria are responsible for creating more than 90 per cent of the energy needed by the body to sustain life and support growth. Symptoms may include loss of motor control, muscle weakness and pain, gastrointestinal disorders and swallowing difficulties, poor growth, cardiac disease, liver disease, diabetes, respiratory complications, seizures, visual/hearing problems, lactic acidosis, development delays and susceptibility to infection.

WHEREAS: Approximately 9000 Canadians have definitive mitochondrial disease; and

WHEREAS: MitoCanada Foundation strives to find a cure for mitochondrial disease through the research we fund; and

WHEREAS: There will be running, and walking, and other events in honor of those who have mitochondrial diseases and can't run or walk; and

WHEREAS: Mitochondrial disease awareness will be achieved and more people can be educated on a disease that affects many Canadians all over the world.

THEREFORE: I, Mayor Ed Holder, do hereby proclaim September 13th to the 19th, as Mitochondrial Disease Awareness Week in the City of London, ON.

Dated this XX day of month/year.



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:
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 - Recognition of individuals.
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 - 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.