



September 18, 2020

Chair and Members
Civic Work Committee
London City Council
Re: Street-Renaming Support from LBHCC

Dear Committee Members:

Recent and ongoing events in the United States of America on the aftermath of the death of George Floyd and many incidents effecting Black and Indigenous lives in Canada, has galvanized all concerned citizens to give their support to *Black Lives Matter* activities and advocacy from all races and cultures around the world. This ongoing support has also re-awakened a positive conversation here in London Ontario for all those who are concerned about justice and equity, to correct and right some wrongs of the past against Black and Indigenous Peoples; and at forefront now are the activities against '*Anti-Black Racism*' - the goodwill of the London City Council is one of them.

London Black History Coordinating Committee was formed in 2001 out of a desire to increase awareness of Black History, especially during Black History Month, highlighting and coordinating activities in the London area. The Committee is dedicated to providing programs and services that will increase public understanding of the diversity and history of London's Black community. We would like to add our support and advocacy for this worthwhile cause. LBHCC's specific support goes to the work of Councilor Pelosa on a comprehensive policy that will allow the renaming of streets that bring back the ugly face of the past, which treated Black people inhumanely. We are aware of a particular petition by a London resident, Lyla Wheeler, to rename Plantation Rd. LBHCC definitely supports the renaming of the road in question due to reasons already explained.

LBHCC is a broad base group of multiracial communities and individuals who is giving its support to this mutually beneficial ongoing conversation for a positive change. We strive to work in partnership and collaboration with the city of London for a meaningful integration of our members and to be equal contributors to the development of our City.

Respectfully,

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Carl Cadogan
Chair
London Black History Coordinating Committee