



"Deeds Not Words"

Bradley S. Duncan, M.O.M.
Chief of Police

October 24, 2011.

Ms. Cathy Saunders, City Clerk,
The Corporation of the City of London,
300 Dufferin Avenue,
London, ON N6A 4L9

Dear Ms. Saunders:

Re: 1) Banana Toss at John Labatt Centre
2) Transgendered Incident at Trail's End Farmers Market

This letter is in response to your letters of October 4, 2011 with respect to the two captioned occurrences.

- 1) The banana tossing incident, which occurred at the John Labatt Centre on September 22, 2011, was an unfortunate display of racial insensitivity that affected our entire community. The incident was investigated by our Service and a male was subsequently charged under the *Trespass to Property Act*. Although local and national media focused on questions of racial motivation, our investigation concluded there was insufficient evidence to meet the threshold of a hate-motivated criminal offence.
- 2) The incident involving the transgendered individual at the Trail's End Market occurred outside the City of London. I trust that all involved parties will make appropriate use of the legal mechanisms available to address any infringement of the law.

The London Police Service proudly supports the full spectrum of diversity that exists within our community. We are committed to upholding the principles of human rights, equity, and inclusion for everyone.

If you have additional questions or concerns, you are welcome to contact our diversity officer, Marcel Marcellin at 519.660.5812.

Yours truly,

Bradley S. Duncan, M.O.M.,
Chief of Police.

Cc: Councillor Harold Usher

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October 4, 2011

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London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee
Chair and Members

I hereby certify that the Municipal Council, at its session held on October 3, 2011 resolved:

8. That the attached communication, dated September 26, 2011, from Councillor H. L. Usher, with respect to the recent banana hurling incident at the John Labatt Centre, **BE FORWARDED** to the London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee, the London Police Services and the London Urban Services Organization (LUSO), requesting that they provide a statement or recommendation to the City of London indicating that such behavior in London is not tolerated; it being noted that the Community and Neighbourhoods Committee heard a verbal delegation from Councillor H. L. Usher, with respect to this matter. (8/16/CNC)

C. Saunders
City Clerk
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attachment

cc: Councillor H. Usher