

Report to Corporate Services Committee

To: Chair and Members
Corporate Services Committee
From: Cathy Saunders, City Clerk
Subject: Application – Issuance of Proclamation – Intersex
Awareness Day
Date: March 29, 2021

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 March 12, 2021 from Intersex London Canada requesting October 26, 2021 be proclaimed Intersex Awareness Day.

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 Intersex London Canada
Date Proclamation Required October 26
Proclamation Name Intersex Awareness Day
Proclamation Type (day, week or month) Day
Category (public awareness campaigns), (charitable fundraising campaigns), (arts and cultural celebrations) public awareness campaign
Requester Name Piper Kearney
Requester Telephone Number
Requester Email Address
Requester Address Fiddlehead Place London Onartio N6G 0S1
Provide details of your Organization's Connection to London we are a local organization that offers support and education to the intersex community here in london and Canada
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 Signature <i>Piper Kearney</i> Date March 12, 2021 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

Appendix "A"



March 12, 2021

Dear City of London, City Clerk Office,

Intersex London is a local grassroots organization that helps the intersex community in London and Canada.

Intersex London Canada is writing this letter to authorize Piper Kearney to fill out the Proclamation Request Form and contact City Hall on my behalf on Intersex London Canada.

We believe we need to explain why a non-profit organization didn't fill out this form. We have reached out to non-profit organizations that works with the 2SLGBTI+ community, and they say that they can't help us for different reasons.

Sincerely,

Faith Connor

Co-founder

Piper Kearney

founder

Appendix "A"



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Information About Intersex London Canada,

Before we can talk about our organization, you need a bit of an understating of intersex.

1 in 50 people has an intersex trait/traits. Biological sex is a spectrum.

Intersex people are born with sex characteristics (including genitals, gonads, and chromosome patterns) that do not fit typical binary notions of male or female bodies. In some cases, intersex traits are visible at birth, while others are not apparent until puberty. Some chromosomal intersex variations may not be physically apparent at all.

Intersex London Canada is the first visible intersex lead organization in Canada. The intersex community is very invisible in Canada. We are based out of London, Ontario, and volunteer-led.

Intersex London Canada offers a monthly online peer support meeting for intersex people in London and Canada. We provide advocacy, education, and resources to the broader community to make the world more inclusive.

We will be doing intersex training to Peel Police in May and have engaged with many people across Canada and talked about the intersex community and the community's barriers.

Information on the Event.

the origins of Intersex Awareness Day

Betsy Driver is an intersex female and the mayor of Flemington, New Jersey. She created international Intersex Awareness Day on October 26, 2004, to celebrate a peaceful rally where two intersex individuals shared their intersex experience for the first time publicly and handed out intersex leaflets to people and medical professions.

Intersex Awareness Day is a day to learn about the human rights issues faced by intersex people and promote genuine inclusion for people with intersex variations.

The barriers that the intersex community faces are access to healthcare, homelessness, discrimination, just to name a few.



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.

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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.