

**From:** Kevin Bice

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**To:** csc <csc@london.ca>

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: London Ward 13 – Councillor Vacancy

To whom it may concern:

As home owners, and residents of Ward 13, we feel that it is imperative for the Corporate Services Committee to act to ensure that Ward 13 continue to be represented at Council for the remainder to the current term following the recent vacancy. We are at a critical time in London. Like the rest of the country we need strong leadership at this point in the pandemic. Our neighbourhood of Blackfriars / Petersville is close to downtown and close to the unique problems in our downtown. The challenges to businesses from the chaos of major infrastructure projects as well as from the increase of problems caused in part by vacant shops and offices in the core mean that we must have strong, informed representation on City Council now. It is less than a year from our municipal elections but, at this very critical time, it would be a major mistake to leave the ward unrepresented or, perhaps even worse, to assign someone to simply fill the post without knowledge and experience in this part of London.

We support the nomination of **John Fyfe-Millar** to fill the vacancy. In the last election, he was supported by a considerable number of electors in the ward. We feel that he should be appointed on the grounds that:

- He is qualified and capable of stepping into the position given his intimate knowledge of the ward and its issues.
- He is an ardent proponent of Ward 13 and the downtown.
- He is uniquely familiar with the issues and needs of both the residential and business communities within the Ward .
- He has a proven track record of working within the City Hall environment,.
- In the ranked ballot election of 2018, the difference in constituency support between Mr. Fyfe-Millar and the vacating councillor was marginal.
- Given the point above, entering a by-election or nominating an outside third party make no sense whatsoever.

Ward 13 cannot be left without strong and capable representation until the next municipal election.

Move to nominate John Fyfe-Millar to fill the vacant seat as soon as possible.

We consent to this letter being part of the public agenda.

Regards,

Kevin and Daphne Bice

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