

From: David Lewis
Sent: Wednesday, October 6, 2021 5:45 PM
To: csc <csc@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ward 13 vacant council position

Dear Clerk and Committee Members,

We are writing in regard to item 4.1 on the Corporate Services Agenda regarding filling the vacant council position in Ward 13 and ask you to please include this on the agenda.

We are residents of Ward 13 and have been for over a decade, we love the downtown, but it is an area with a lot of issues that need to have an active person at council working on.

We vote in municipal elections because we believe in the democratic process, and we were super happy that in the last election London gave us the opportunity to actually rank our top 3 choices. Both of us ranked John Fyfe-Millar on our ballots, and with the departure of Ms. Kayabaga, we are calling on you to respect the democratic voice of Ward 13 residents and appoint Mr. Fyfe-Millar as our new councillor.

Council talks a lot about downtown, but if you genuinely mean it, you can't fill the role with a "caretaker" as some have suggested. In fact for the last 3 terms of council, the councillor for Ward 13 has tried to leave early to seek higher office. Another person filling a seat waiting just putting in time is the last thing we need. We need someone who actually lives in the Ward and understands the challenges of downtown London. With his experience on the Downtown London association, and on a committee at city hall, we feel Mr. Fyfe-Millar is the best choice to get to work now.

Finally, you should not try to dictate whether or not he is able to run again, something we've seen some of you suggest online. Whether he gets elected or not in next year's election is for the voters to decide, not you!

Sincerely,

Dave Lewis & Autumn Dodge