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Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 12:04 PM
To: csc <csc@london.ca>
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Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Of London Corporate Services - Regarding Ward 13 Councillor Vacancy

**Re: London Ward 13 – Councillor Vacancy
Recommendation to Appoint John Fyfe-Millar as Ward 13 Councillor**

To whom it may concern:

As President of the Downtown London Community Association and a former resident of Downtown London for over 15 years, I believe I am qualified to provide an opinion as to what may be in the best interest for the Downtown London Community. First, it is imperative that City Council act immediately and appoint a qualified candidate to fill the Ward 13 Council Seat. The Ward 13 Council seat cannot be left vacant until the next election. Further to this, I believe now is not the time to appoint an outsider to the community or an inexperienced individual to take on the challenge of representing Ward 13. Downtown London requires a strong, experienced, knowledgeable representative and there is no better candidate than John Fyfe-Millar.

Downtown London is the most diverse, unique and visible community in the city and it must have competent and informed representation on City Council. This person must understand the community, be able to navigate the different priorities of businesses, residents and those working in the core, as well as being well versed in the geographic, economic and social issues within the community. Fortunately, you have the ideal candidate available and willing to take on this challenge.

I support the appointment of John Fyfe-Millar to Ward 13 Councillor for the following reasons:

- In the last Ward 13 election, John Fyfe-Millar was defeated by a very narrow margin. With the vote count well documented, the fact remains that John already has a vote of confidence from many Ward 13 residents.
- Unlike the 2 or 3 previous Ward 13 Councilors, this position would not be a stepping-stone to other opportunities. John's only interest is the well-being, support and development of London's Downtown Community. John is 100% invested in working for the betterment of Downtown London both now and in the future.
- John has been a business owner in the Downtown Community for over 30 years. He has volunteered his time with many residential and business associations and this has provided him a perspective few others would possess. As such, John is uniquely positioned to understand the needs, concerns and goals of the businesses, residents and those working in the Downtown Community. More than ever before, a good working relationship between all parties will be critical for a successful transition from COVID lockdowns and strict protocols to a more open and functional Downtown community.
- An avid walking enthusiast, John has literally walked every corner of Downtown London. He knows the area well. With John you would be appointing an individual with an intimate knowledge of the geography of Ward 13. This is important in understanding the real needs of those living and working in the downtown area and where change and/or support may be needed.
- John is aware of all the annual Downtown events and is often posting on his private social media feeds to promote them along with any other sporting, entertainment and social events, art festivals or pop-up events. He also often works to promote individuals or businesses with something unique or important to contribute to the Downtown community.
- John is more than capable of handling the requirements of this role. I have had the honor of serving alongside John on the boards of various associations and have found him to be highly competent, energetic, creative, organized, engaged, open-minded, considerate and respectful. He understands the ideals of governance, the responsibility of representation and the implications of decision making on the behalf of others. A visionary with strong leadership capabilities, he would make a strong addition to London City Council as Councilor for Ward 13.

Ward 13 cannot be left without strong and capable representation until the next municipal election. City Council also needs to be fiscally responsible and realize that spending money on an unnecessary election is not in the best interests of Londoners. You have the power to appoint a candidate to fill the role of Ward 13 Councillor for the City of London. There is no better person to fill this role than John Fyfe-Millar.

There is no need to delay John Fyfe-Millar's appointment to the Ward 13 City Council seat. Please act today and move to nominate John Fyfe-Millar to fill this vacant seat as soon as possible.

I consent to this letter of recommendation being made part of public record.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Peter Sandor". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Peter Sandor
President
London Downtown Community Association