

From: Jeremy McCall
Sent: Thursday, October 7, 2021 3:17 PM
To: csc <csc@london.ca>
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Ward 13 Vacancy

Re: London Ward 13 – Councillor Vacancy

To whom it may concern:

As a City of London resident, I feel that it is imperative that the Corporate Services Committee act quickly to ensure that Ward 13 continue to be represented at Council for the remainder to the current term following the recent vacancy, with as minimal of a disruption as possible. The seat has already been vacant for over a month, and our downtown is in a crossroads where given all of the challenges of the pandemic, petty crime, and of road construction, it needs a strong voice and solid, experienced, engaged leadership at council to continue to thrive and move in a better direction for all residents and businesses alike.

I support the nomination of **John Fyfe-Millar** to fill the vacancy 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 a loyal and long standing proponent of Ward 13 and the downtown.
- Much like Councillor Lehman, he too is a downtown business owner who has an insider's perspective on what is needed for success
- He has a proven track record of working within City Hall
- In the ranked ballot election of 2018, the difference in voter support between Mr. Fyfe-Millar and the councillor giving up their seat was marginal.
- Given the point above, entering a by-election or nominating an outside third party is hard to justify, given the expense of a by-election and that thousands of Ward 13 residents already voted for Mr. Fyfe-Millar when given the opportunity to do so.

Ward 13 cannot be left without strong and capable representation until the next municipal election. Ward 13 deserves to be represented by someone who is local, accessible, engaged, and aware as to what is happening in the ward and what are the realistic avenues for change for the better.

I humbly request that the Corporate Services Committee move to nominate John Fyfe-Millar to fill the vacant seat as soon as possible. Putting someone who lives in the ward, operates their business in the ward, volunteers in the ward, and received excellent support as a candidate from residents of the ward as recently as three years ago makes total sense.

Regards,'

Jeremy McCall

I consent for this letter to be added to the public agenda