



January 9, 2022

Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee,
City of London
300 Dufferin Ave
London, ON

Re: Samuel Trosow's Application to the London Public Library Board

Dear Committee Members,

I am writing this letter in support of the application made by Dr. Samuel Trosow for the vacant position on the London Public Library Board. I believe that Professor Trosow is eminently qualified for this position given his work background and community involvement.

As a professor in the Faculties of Law and Media and Information Studies at Western, Prof. Trosow's expertise in legal issues related to the Charter of Rights has been a valuable asset to the London Community.

In the Fall of 2021, Prof. Trosow began working with Joyce Arthur of the ARCC and me in our fight to see graphic images of alleged aborted fetuses banned from our city.

The CCBR (distributors of this disturbing material) have always claimed that any attempts to restrict or ban their images would be a violation of Charter Rights.

Prof. Trosow was able to show both Joyce and me, and the Committee of Community and Protective Services (during a PPM), that there are points within the Charter that conflict with each other and that we can use this to our advantage in the fight against graphic anti-abortion images.

I think this information is important for two reasons. Firstly, Prof. Trosow's knowledge of important legal matters speak to his academic/work background. I believe his skills in this area will be a huge asset to the London Public Library Board.

Secondly, and perhaps, more importantly, Prof. Trosow's willingness to volunteer his time to help a cause that has had a deeply harmful impact on our community, speak to his character.

When I first began working with Prof. Trosow, neither of us had ever met. Indeed, I'm ashamed to admit that, in spite of the professor's extensive community work, I had never heard of him. Yet, I found Prof. Trosow to be one of the most caring and supportive individuals with whom I've ever had the opportunity to work alongside.

Surely the combined qualities of the professor's academic/work experience and character make Prof. Trosow the only logical choice for position of the Board of London Public Library.

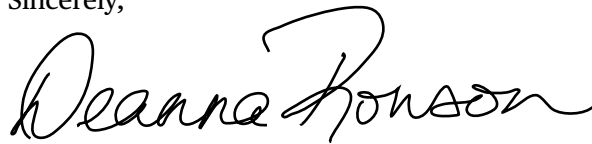
I have lived in London for over thirty years and I love giving back to my community [10+ years as a volunteer in St. Joe's E.R. dept; two Habitat for Humanity Women Builds; director of Pro-choice London for two years; founder of London's Essential Workers' Angel Project (our group delivered homemade meals to essential workers during pandemic); and the 2018 recipient of the Leading Women, Leading Girls, Building Community Award].

As a result of my extensive involvement in my community, I easily recognize the skills that are needed to be a community leader . . . compassion, understanding, supportive, and leads with their heart.

I immediately recognized these skills in Prof. Trosow and that is why strongly urge the members of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee to consider him for a position on the Board of London Public Libraries.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Deanna Ronson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial 'D'.

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