

August 31, 2011

Ms. Bette Mercier
Committee Secretary
Community and Neighbourhood Committee
City of London – City Hall
300 Dufferin Avenue
London, Ontario N6A 4L9

Dear Ms. Mercier,

The OIPRD began operations on October 19, 2009, and is an arms-length agency of the Ministry of the Attorney General. We provide independent civilian oversight over complaints about police services and officers in Ontario.

The independence of the OIPRD, as it carries out its role, is of great importance in ensuring the integrity of the public complaints system. Our goal is to make certain that all stakeholders can rely on the public complaints system to be fair, transparent, efficient and effective.

The OIPRD has a mandate to educate stakeholders about the public complaints system. One of the ways in which we fulfill this is by facilitating information sessions about the OIPRD. We hope that awareness about the public complaints system will help to increase confidence in the system and enhance police/community relations.

This is a formal request for delegation in front of the *Community and Neighbourhood Committee*.

If you require further information or have any questions, I may be reached at Natalia.welniak@ontario.ca or at 416-314-4462.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Kindest Regards,



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