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Chair and Members
Built and Natural Environment Committee
City of London
300 Dufferin Avenue
London, ON N6A 1G7

Attention: Heather Lysynski, Committee Secretary

Re: August 15, 2011 BNEC Committee Agenda
Consent Item #22
Montessori House of Children, 719 Waterloo Street

On behalf of Montessori House of Children ("Montessori"), I wish to clarify a few matters relating to this staff recommendation.

The Planning Report (Background – 719 Waterloo Street), states *"This application was refused because the proposed expansion did not conform with the Community Facilities policies of the Official Plan..."*, on the contrary, the application was not refused; rather BNEC and Council (Feb. 7, 2011) directed staff to further review and consider with the applicant the possibility of using an Office Conversion zone to enable the school use of 719 Waterloo Street.

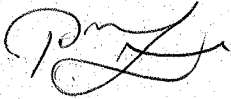
We have consistently maintained that the proposal complies with the existing Official Plan, and that no OPA is required. Nevertheless, Montessori does not oppose the current request by Planning staff if staff can, within a short time, develop a policy that can facilitate the on-going operation of the Montessori school while providing clarity for both the school and the public.

It must be clear, however, that this is a City initiative, and not a requirement of the Montessori application. Moreover, it should not be allowed to seriously delay Council's dealing with the rezoning application by Montessori.

Therefore, if the process does not result in a public meeting of BNEC by November of this year (the target given by staff to Montessori), or if it becomes clear that the process is not achieving its stated objectives, we will request that our Zoning Bylaw Amendment application be brought back before this Committee.

Yours very truly,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard Zelinka', written in a cursive style.

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cc: John Fleming, City of London
Montessori House of Children

Attachments