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APPENDIX "B"

March 27, 2013

Ms. Saunders
City Clerk

RE: NAMING OF QUEBEC STREET BRIDGE

On October 24, 2011, City Council referred the proposed naming of the Quebec Street bridge back to staff for further action (see attached).

Transportation Planning and Design Division have consulted with the Area Support Unit (ASU) London personnel to propose an alternative name to the Quebec Street Bridge that recognizes our military's past and present in London.

This letter and the attachments are the Transportation Planning and Design Division's formal request to the City Clerk that the process to name the Quebec Street overpass of CPRail as the "Field Marshal Wolseley Bridge" be initiated.

ASU London has put forth one proposal at this time: "Field Marshal Wolseley Bridge", which is supported by the Transportation Planning and Design Division. This would recognize Field Marshal, Right Honourable Viscount Wolseley of Cairo, KP, GCB, OM, GCMG.

In accordance with Council Policy 3(7), attached are two (2) supporting documents which address:

- i) The background concerning the rationale for consideration of the request;
- ii) Biographical information for the named individual; and
- iii) Letter from the Colonel of the Regiment, The Royal Canadian Regiment providing support for the proposed name.

A former suggestion in June/July 2011 of "Wolseley Bridge" was rejected as it was felt that it could cause confusion for Emergency Services with Wolseley Avenue. It should be noted that there are 101 City bridges, of which only 41 have formal names assigned to them. Of these, only a handful of the structures actually have the name of the bridge displayed at or on the bridge or culvert. Many of the formal bridge names have a part of their names that form other City streets scattered around London. A few examples:

- i) The Norman Bradford Bridge carries Oxford Street over the north branch of the Thames River, just west of Talbot Street. Norman Avenue can be found in the Byron Area;
- ii) Shore Bridge is located on Wonderland Road South (south of Orr Drive), while Shore Road is located north of Oxford Street and west of the Thames river in the Riverbend area;
- iii) Charley Fox Memorial Overpass is located at the Hale/Trafalgar/CN crossing, while Fox Ave is located west of Western Road, and south of Sarnia Road; and
- iv) Westminster Bridge carries York Street over the south branch of the Thames River just east of Wortley Road, while Westminster Drive is located south of HWY 401 and extends from east to west.

Please note that three of the four above named structures have a plaque on location with the name of the bridge displayed on the plaque. At this time, there is no plan to put a plaque or sign at the structure identifying the name of the bridge, but that may come with time, and or interest from the Royal Canadian Regiment and/or ASU London.

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