



April 3, 2023

London City Council
300 Dufferin Avenue
London, ON N6B 1Z2

RE: Appointment of Community Member to the London Police Services Board

Dear Mayor Morgan and London City Councillors,

On behalf of Pillar Nonprofit Network, I am writing with respect to your pending appointment of a community member to the London Police Services Board.

One benefit of the committee structure used by municipal councils is to provide time between recommendations made at committee and final decisions made by City Council. This pause allows for careful reflection, and it is not uncommon for Council to choose a different path from one recommended by committees - even the SPPC where every council member sits.

With the robust community response to the committee recommendation, we see this as an opportunity for City Council to invite the community more fully into this decision, in alignment with your pending strategic priority of being a Well-Run City, with “reduced barriers to public participation in municipal government” and “improved governance processes,” including a strategy to “apply the Equity Tool to our governance processes.”

Therefore, we ask that you consider reconvening the citizen Striking Committee to make a recommendation on this appointment for your consideration. We respectfully suggest that in your Council meeting of April 4, you take measures to:

Direct staff to reconvene the Striking Committee for the purposes of making a recommendation on Council’s appointment of a community member to the London Police Services Board.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maureen Cassidy", written in a cursive style.

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