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Ms. Joanna Bull
Ombudsman Ontario
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Dear Ms. Bull:

Re: Investigation – City of London – Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee Meeting held on March 2, 2015 – South Street Campus – Old Victoria Hospital Lands

Reference is made to our telephone conversation of June 25, 2015 regarding the above-noted matter. As indicated, paragraph 21 of the Ombudsman Report entitled “Investigation into whether the City of London’s Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee held an illegal meeting on March 2, 2015”, dated June 2015, states that “All members of the committee were present during the closed session”, which is not correct. As noted on the 13th Report of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee, Councillor Park declared a pecuniary interest on the above-noted matter and was not in attendance in the meeting room when this matter was discussed and therefore, did not participate in any discussion regarding this matter.

As requested, I can confirm that City of London representatives did not raise the error during our teleconference with you, held on June 8, 2015 in which you provided a verbal overview of the findings, noting that a written copy of the preliminary report was not made available to the City of London representatives at that time.

We respectfully request that the Ombudsman Report regarding this matter be revised to reflect that Councillor Park was not in attendance in the closed session discussion regarding this matter.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me. We thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Cathy Saunders
City Clerk