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Re: London Public Library Board meeting procedures

January 7, 2008

Dear Mayor DeCicco-Best & Ms. Becker,

The ability for citizens to access and present their concerns at London Public Library Board meetings is a non-trivial matter and so is a legitimate concern of the London community. According to the London Public Library website (www.londonpubliclibrary.ca/node/200), citizens are instructed to present their concerns to the London Public Library Board in the following way:

"It will help us if your letter is typed, lists your complete mailing address (including postal code), and home and business telephone numbers."

According to the Ontario Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act where personal information is collected:

- a) No person shall collect personal information on behalf of an institution unless the collection is expressly authorized by statute, used for the purposes of law enforcement or necessary to the proper administration of a lawfully authorized activity (section 38.2)
- b) The head of an institution will inform the individual to whom the information relates of the legal authority for the collection (section 39.2.a)

My question is: under what specific section of legislation or under what necessity of proper administration permits the London Public Library Board to collect personal information (e.g., complete mailing address, etc.) from citizens presenting their concerns at board meetings? If there is no legal authority or administrative necessity for collecting this information, then I ask that the instructions on the website be revised so as to avoid implying that the board will be better able to carry out its responsibilities if citizens provide their personal information. Furthermore, if current procedures of the board meetings require citizens to provide personal information in absence of this legal authority or if board meetings can be administered without such personal information, then I request that the board meeting procedures be revised so as to not allow the board to collect personal information from the citizens who present their concerns to the library board .

Additionally, I ask that you respond to this letter by attaching your response the City of London and the London Public Library records that hold this letter.

Finally, Under the Ontario Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act, an institution shall disclose personal information in its custody if the person to whom the information relates has identified that information in particular and consented to its disclosure (see 42.I.a). I hereby grant the City of London and the London Public Library permission to disclose to any person, anonymous or identified, this letter and any response from the City of London or the London Public Library that is attached to this letter.

Anonymous

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