**Session:** Public

**Subject:** Ratification of Summer Business

**Prepared By:** Susanna Hubbard Krimmer

**Presented By:** Susanna Hubbard Krimmer

**Purpose of Report:** For Decision: Approval

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**Recommendation**

The following motion was approved by the Executive Committee on August 20, 2008:

> That the London Public Library Board recognize the ongoing contributions of the Friends of the London Public library on the occasion of its 15th anniversary with the installation of a plaque on the Community Leadership Wall in the Central Branch.

The report is attached.
REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD
MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 17, 2008

Session: Public
Subject: Friends of the Library: 15th Anniversary Celebrations
Prepared By: Margaret Mitchell, Lindsay Sage
Presented By: Margaret Mitchell, Susanna Hubbard Krimmer
Purpose of Report: For Receipt and Information Only ☐
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For Decision:
   Approval ☑

Recommendation

It is recommended that

the London Public Library Board recognize the ongoing contributions of the
Friends of the London Public Library on the occasion of its 15th anniversary
with the installation of a plaque on the Community Leadership Wall in the
Central Branch.

Issue / Opportunity

The Friends of the London Public Library will be Friends celebrating its 15th anniversary at its
annual general meeting on September 23, 2008.

The Friends are an enthusiastic group of dedicated volunteers who are advocates for London
Public Library and its value to the community and community capacity building. Since the
group’s inception, the Friends have assisted in developing and promoting an understanding of
the Library’s vision and mission in the community; promoted and publicized services;
supported library growth and development; and advocated on behalf of the library to elected
officials during budget deliberations.

Since 1993, the Friends have raised over $600,000 to support literacy-related services and
collections offered throughout the Library and have contributed to a number of capital projects,
including the Central Library and Rotary Reading Garden.

Many Friends’ volunteers are active at the annual Booksale at the Western Fair and in the
highly successful Library Store at our Central Branch. Its dedicated Executive Committee
steers its major initiatives throughout the year.

Given the enormous contribution of the Friends and the close working relationship between the
Friends and the Library Board, it is appropriate for the Board to honour this group in a
significant way during its 15th anniversary year.
Annual General Meeting

The Friends Annual General Meeting will be held on Sept 23, 2008 at 7 p.m. in the Stevenson Hunt Meeting Room at the Central Branch. Following a very short business meeting, a celebratory reception will take place to recognize former executive committee members and others in the community who have been connected with the Friends over the past 15 years.

The Library Administration, Marketing and Development staff will work with the Friends Executive to develop and advertise the program.