



REPORT TO THE LIBRARY BOARD

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RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that this report be received.

ISSUE/OPPORTUNITY

The Historic Sites Committee (HSC) of the London Public Library Board has the opportunity to explore the development of a collaborative arrangement with the London Advisory Committee on Heritage (LACH) with regards to the erection of plaques of sites in the City.

While both bodies have their own specific broad mandates, within these the HSC and LACH share a common interest in marking sites of historic interest in the City of London with commemorative plaques in order to promote public awareness of and education of our community's heritage. It is within this shared focus that the opportunity for collaboration is being explored.

BACKGROUND & REVIEW

In March 2011, the HSC was contacted by Nancy van Sass, Chair of the Education Committee of LACH to suggest this exploration. Following this initial invitation, in June 2011, Hilary Bates Neary, Chair of HSC and Margaret Mitchell, Administrative Liaison for HSC met with Don Menard, Heritage Planner, City of London to consider next steps in this process. The HSC reviewed the concept at its meeting of June 8, 2011. It was agreed that the dialogue should continue to develop the terms of reference for a pilot joint plaquing initiative in order to assess the components of the process and its feasibility.

The exploration of this opportunity will be guided by the LPL ***Strategic Alliances Policy***.

NEXT STEPS

As a next step in the process, the Chair of HSC will attend the LACH meeting in July 2011 to present an overview of the work of the HSC and to discuss a structure for continuing the discussion between the two bodies.

The HSC will advise the Library Board from time to time on proceedings and seek approval for any formal alliance that may result from this initiative.