



Councillor Michael Thompson, Chair  
Economic and Community Development Committee

October 10, 2019

Dear Councillor Thompson,

**Re: Recommendations in the City staff report “Sustaining the Vibrancy of Campbell House Museum”  
Agenda item EC8.9, meeting scheduled for October 16, 2019**

As Chair of the Sir William Campbell Foundation (“SWCF”), which operates Campbell House Museum, I would like to thank City staff for their careful and comprehensive review of Campbell House and its museum.

The SWCF board considered the document “Sustaining the Vibrancy of Campbell House Museum” at its meeting of October 9, 2019. I am happy to report that the board is unanimously in favour of all the recommendations.

With respect to Recommendation #2, that “City Council request The Advocates’ Society [“TAS”] to maintain its financial support for Campbell House Museum beyond 2020,” the SWCF board appointed board member Brian Gover (TAS Past President) to liaise with TAS. Mr Gover noted that TAS will address the question of continued funding as part of its budget cycle which is expected to take place within the next few months.

In light of the Report’s 10 recommendations, the SWCF board unanimously approved a motion “to rescind that part of the resolution made at the March 14, 2018 board meeting that resolved “to seek Voluntary Revocation of the [Foundation’s] charitable status, and thereafter to wind up the [Foundation], and transfer any remaining assets to the City of Toronto or another qualified donee,” and to continue to manage Campbell House Museum. (The previous resolution, made at the March 14, 2018 board meeting, is quoted on p.4 of the City staff report.)

I look forward to making a deputation to the ECD Committee about Agenda Item EC8.9, and in particular to commenting on the value of Campbell House Museum to the city.

Sincerely,

Blair Bowen, Chair, Sir William Campbell Foundation

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