

City of London - Application for Appointment to a City of London Board or Commission

Application

Please choose the Board or Commission you are interested in serving on: **London Hydro**

Contact Information

Name: **Robert C Watson**

City: **Oakville**

Province: **ON**

Postal Code: **L6M 0E3**

Experience and Qualifications

If you have experience on a London Board or Commission, please provide dates and details. (max. 3000 characters):

I have not been on a London Board or Commission

What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of a Board or Commission? (max. 3000 characters):

Throughout my over 30 years of Board and Executive experience, I have a track record to help build organizations in improving accountability, exceeding fiscal and strategic goals with strong corporate governance and " worlds best culture. I can bring that to London Hydro in a collaborative and measured approach.

How will you support the work of a Board or Commission? (max. 3000 characters):

With experience in public, private, government and regulatory organizations across five industry sectors (Communications, Utilizes, Energy, Manufacturing, Mining). I will support the Board and Shareholder with my direct knowledge and governance experience.

Please describe additional experience, training, or community involvement that will help you in your role as a Board or Commission Member. (max. 3000 characters):

I have direct training and experience in Public Policy, Diversity, Indigenous Relations, Cyber Security, Internet of Things(IoT), Privacy, AI(Artificial Intelligence) and modern construction practices in utility and fibre projects.

We value the contributions of Londoners with diverse experiences and welcome applications from individuals who share our commitment to reconciliation, equity and inclusion. Please describe how your work, community or lived experience will enhance these efforts through Board and Committee work. (max. 3000 characters):

My tenure in Saskatchewan with SaskTel and SaskPower, as well as my Board responsibilities at municipal companies in Thunder Bay, Oshawa and Kincardine allotted me the opportunity to learn about diversity and Indigenous Relations at every level. This gave me the opportunity to help formulate and implement new policies and direction to ensure we were a fully inclusive organization.

Attach resume or other document here, if needed: **Robert Watson bio July 2019 (1).pdf**

Attach more files here, if needed: **ROBERT WATSON PROFESSIONAL PROFILE 2019 (1).pdf**

Confirmations

I declare the following: **I am at least 18 years old.; I am not a City employee or Council member.; I understand that my application and any attachments will be included on a public agenda that is published on the City website.**

To help inform our outreach activities, please tell us how you heard about this opportunity:
(optional): **Conference or networking event**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

Submitted on: **5/16/2023 10:22:08 AM**

Robert C Watson

Corporate Director

Mr. Watson currently serves as Chairman Bruce Telecom. He also serves as a board member for Oshawa Public Utilities and NA Helium. Previously Chief Executive Officer ITAC (Information Technology Association), Chief Executive of the Bermuda Regulatory Authority, CEO SaskPower and CEO of SaskTel. Prior to that he held several senior executive positions in the Canadian communications industry. Mr. Watson is a graduate in electrical technologies from Ryerson University. He has attended the international executive development program at the INSEAD Centre in Fontainebleau, France, as well as the executive management program at Ashridge Business School in the United Kingdom. He also holds an ICD.D designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors.



In the community, Robert is a recipient of the Saskatchewan Centennial Medal and the Ryerson Alumni Award of Distinction. Previously Chairman Prostate Cancer Canada, and a Board member, One Life Makes a Difference and Dean's Council for Ted Rogers School of Management.

ROBERT C WATSON'S PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

*A strategic leader and business advisor recognized for aggressive business plans to increase value while achieving positive margins. Possess a proven track record for improving efficiency, and delivering leading customer satisfaction and retention. **Core competencies include:***

Visionary Leadership · Strategic Business Planning · Establishing Global Business Alliances · Change Management · Acquisitions and Mergers Expertise · Government and Shareholder Relations · Market Identification · Operations · Technology Development · Very Large Capital Projects

EXPERIENCE

- ❖ Executive Management Experience
 - Chief Executive Officer - Information Technology Association
 - Chief Executive Officer – Regulatory Authority Bermuda
 - President and Chief Executive Officer – SaskPower
 - President and Chief Executive Officer – SaskTel
 - President and Chief Executive Officer – ACC Telenterprise
 - President and Chief Operating Officer – STN
 - President – Shaw Fiberlink / Shaw Mobilecomm / WIC Connexus
 - Chief Quality Officer/Executive Vice President – GT Group Telecom
 - Executive Vice President – Cable and Wireless

- ❖ Two Industries: Energy and Telecommunications
- ❖ Three Sectors : Public , Private , Regulatory

- ❖ Private and Public Sector Experience
 - Private sector, publicly traded organizations
 - Competitive, Government-owned Crown Corporations in a regulated environment , requiring a balanced approach to public policy and profit-driven initiatives

- ❖ National and International Business Operations Experience
 - Canada, US, Tanzania, Dubai, Trinidad, Bermuda , etc.

- ❖ Extensive Merger, Acquisition, and Divestiture Experience
 - Led multiple company acquisitions, one corporate merger, and several divestitures
 - Subsidiary and corporate investment portfolio management

- ❖ Partnership Development Experience
 - Joint venture creation and management experience

- ❖ Investor Management and Public Offerings Experience
 - Completed a fully subscribed initial public offering (IPO) and share offering road show

- ❖ Industrial Relations/Union-Management Experience
 - Successful completion of several collective bargaining agreements

- ❖ Governance and Shareholder Relations Experience
 - Corporate Governance Training and Board Relations/Investor Relations experience

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Institute of Corporate Directors Certified Directors Designation (ICD.D)

Directors Education Program, Haskayne School of Business - University of Calgary

International Executive Development Program

INSEAD Institute, Fontainebleau, France

Executive Management “Market Focus”

Public Affairs Media

Ashridge College, United Kingdom

Executive Development

American Management Association

Graduate of Electrical Technologies

Ryerson University, Toronto, Ontario

Recipient

- Saskatchewan Centennial Medal
- Ryerson Alumni Award of Distinction

DIRECTORSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

Currently:

- Chairman , Bruce Telecom
- Member , Institute of Corporate Directors
- Director , NA Helium
- Director, Oshawa Public Utility

Formerly

- Director Canadian Nuclear Association, Canadian Energy Council
- Director/Chairman Prostate Cancer Canada
- Director Canadian Electrical Association
- Chairman, DirectWest,/HospitalityNetwork/ SecurTek
- Director, Canadian Wireless Telecommunications Association
- Director, Competitive Telecommunications Association
- Chairman ITAC
- Charitable Programs: Salvation Army, Share Life,One Life Makes a Difference
- Director, The Conference Board of Canada