

City of London - Application for Appointment to City of London Community Advisory Committees

Application

Committee you are interested in serving on: **Environmental Stewardship and Action Community Advisory Committee**

Contact Information

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City: **London**

Province: **ON**

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Experience and Qualifications

If you have experience on a London Advisory Committee, please provide dates and details. (max. 250 characters):

No prior experience on a London Advisory Committee, however, have served on various community and Western University campus committee regarding environmental matters.

What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of a Community Advisory Committee? (max. 250 characters):

I hope to contribute the perspective of a youth who was born and raised in London; who wants to continue living and working here while seeing our city address pertinent matters related to the welfare of our natural environment.

How will you support the work of a Community Advisory Committee? (max. 250 characters):

Through consultation with my diverse professional network and connections; through collaboration with the composition of the committee in its entirety; through careful consideration and review of previous academic and experiential knowledge.

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

As a mature student at Western University, I decided to devote my undergraduate studies to our natural environment. In making this choice, I have been exposed to a multitude of opportunities for action and advocacy in the community. These include, but are not limited to, work with Indigenous communities, pollinator species and matters pertaining to biodiversity, and advocacy for active transport. I currently serve as a BeeCampus representative for Western University and was the first student on campus to achieve the World Wildlife Fund Living Planet Leader designation for distinction in environmental stewardship. Spearheading positive, equitable and inclusive environmental change has been a cornerstone feature of my young adulthood thus far.

I have been fortunate enough to be immersed in a community of like-minded environmental stewards both in academic settings and extra curricular; people who care deeply about the wellness of our city and its position in the Carolinian life zone. Additionally, I have now been elected twice to serve on student council for the Faculty of Science to represent a small subset of those like-minded people, which has prepared me well for the demands of this position.

I was born and raised in London, specifically the east side, and have watched the city grow up in the technological age alongside myself. I have seen and been involved with reconciling the ever-changing demands of the climate crisis on our communities. I hope to continue working and living in London; it's a city I love although not without its challenges.

Recently, after four years of experience learning about our natural spaces and applying that knowledge, I have shifted the scope of my focus to our built environment and the implications of related policy decisions on health. I hope to use my education and applications of urban development, environmentally relevant policy, and the juxtaposition of environmental and human health to appropriately shape advisory decisions.

There is a saying in environmental biology and wildlife management where if you intend to protect a species, you must take care of its environment. In order to facilitate and advise on important change, it's critical to keep this principal in mind; the health of our city depends on the decisions made that structure our environment and the competency of those making decisions.

Please describe additional experience, training, or community involvement that will help you in your role as a Community Advisory Committee Member. (max. 250 characters):

I work under Western Sustainability as the executive leader of a group of 300 student members in initiatives related to environmental matters. This position, and student council, serve as the most relevant to prepare me for this role but are amongst others that contributed to my competency.

Attach resume or other document here, if needed: **CV June 2023.pdf**

Attach more files here, if needed:

Confirmations

I declare the following: **I am at least 18 years old.; I am not a City employee or Council member.; I understand that the commitment may be up to 4 hours per month to attend meetings and prepare.; 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): **City Website**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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Allison Pert

London, ON. Canada

Employment Experience:

Undergraduate Student Research Intern, *Western University* **May 2023 – present**

- USRI funding awarded in the Department of Geography and the Environment.

Western Head's East Intern, *Youth Opportunities Unlimited* **May 2023 – present**

- Position awarded by Western International for academic merit, cultural competency, and leadership ability.
- Responsible for developing youth education programming about probiotics and overall health promotion.
- Responsible for implementing existing Fiti social enterprise from Kenya and Tanzania to the Youth Opportunities Unlimited *YOU Made It!* café.

Virtual Host and IT Assistant, *iHost-IT* **June 2022 – present**

- Facilitated legal organizational meetings in accordance with the Ontario Condominium Act.
- Required proficiency in company-developed software.

Client Management Liaison, *McMaster Health Labs* **Mar 2022 – Mar 2023**

- Organized and formatted sensitive data regarding COVID-19 test results for various public health units in Southwestern Ontario.
- Required proficiency in Verto Health software.

Podcast Host and Creator, *Crimeopedia Podcast* **Jan 2021 – present**

- Record, edit, and publish episodes; manage website and social media using a multitude of software programs completely independent. Streamed in 50+ countries.
- Worked with underserved families to promote justice for unsolved and cold cases, including *Blake's Law* in Dallas, Texas.
- Featured in news articles by various independent publishers, including the *Western Gazette*.

Administrative Assistant, *Clare Hall at Brescia* **Feb 2021 – present**

- Filled student requests in addition to facilitating student move-in and move-out.
- Managed large-scale conference and event booking.
- Required proficiency in Microsoft Office 365 Applications.

Lead Waitress, *Formaggio's Pie Shack* **July 2016 – Oct 2020**

- Managed spacious dining room and a team of other restaurant staff.
- Served parties of up to 21 people.

Customer Service Assistant, *Vintner's Cellar* **April 2014 – Oct 2018**

- Planned product-themed events with turnouts of 50+ people and assisted with administrative duties.

Education:

Honours Bachelor of Environmental Science and Biology, *Western University*

- Deans Honour Roll 2019-2023; Western Scholar's candidate.
- *Literature Analysis on Stachybotrys chartarum and Connections to Sick Building Syndrome*. DOI: [10.5206/wurjhns.2022-23.5](https://doi.org/10.5206/wurjhns.2022-23.5)
- Expected graduation April 2024.

Indigenous Canada, *University of Alberta* Feb 2023

Pre-Health Sciences Advanced Diploma, *Fanshawe College* April 2018

Awards:

National Collegiate Leadership Competition Runner-Up, *CLC* 2023

- Served as Team Coach offering guidance and feedback for competing team.
- Qualified for the Canadian Laurier Invitational Scrimmage after placing 2nd at Western University; placed 2nd nationally.

Youth Green Leader Award, *London Environmental Network* 2022

- Awarded for environmental leadership and a commitment to sustainability.

Western Green Award, *Western University* 2022

- Awarded by Western University Facilities Management.
- Acknowledgement from Times Higher Education 2022 Sustainability Impact Ranking Assessment.

Global and Intercultural Engagement Honour, *Western University* 2021

NSERC Undergraduate Student Research Award, *Western University* 2021

- Awarded by the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council of Canada in the Department of Biology based on academic merit and research aptitude.

Valedictorian, *Thames Valley S.S.* June 2017

Student Leadership Award, *Culture for Learning TVDSB* May 2017

- Awarded based on dedication to inclusive education and leadership capabilities.

Volunteer Experience:

Research Assistant, *Human Environmental Analysis Laboratory* Jan 2023 - present

- Used Geographic Information Systems (ArcGIS) to curate the first map of Canada's parks with delineated borders.

Science Education Ambassador, *Let's Talk Science* Jan 2023 - present

Ontario Ecology, Ethology, and Evolution Colloquium Organizing Committee Member, *Western University* 2022

Volunteer Note Taker, *Western University* 2022

London Bug Day Organizing Committee Member,
London Children's Museum

2022

**Science Student Council Environmental Science
Department Representative, Western University**

2022 – 2024

- Hosted collaborative events for environmental science students to find research and career opportunities, navigate honours research projects, and network.
- Elected to Science Student Council Honorary Committee.
- Elected to Student Group Grants Delegation Committee.

Co-Lead Coordinator, Western Sustainability Leadership Program June 2022 – present

- Began as Executive Events Lead in June 2021; was promoted after one year.
- Organized monthly in-person and virtual events, centered around the multifaceted nature of sustainability in collaboration with local community leaders.
- Part of the social media organizing team for official Western University accounts.
- Bee Campus representative (2022-2024).
- Annual Sustainability Fair organizing committee member.
- Annual Bike to Campus Day organizing committee member.
- Annual Riverfest organizing committee member.
- Annual Springfest organizing committee member.

International Peer Guide Team Leader, Western International Aug 2021 – present

- Began as Peer Guide in August 2020; was promoted in August 2021.
- Assist incoming graduate and undergraduate international students in their transition to Canada and Western University.
- Supervised and managed teams of five international student Peer Guides and reported to Senior Team Leader.
- Participated in facilitating the recruitment process each year.
- Hosted various in-person and virtual orientation and welcoming events such as paint nights, cultural showcases, etc.
- Organized Iftar celebration dinner for Muslim international students and volunteers during Ramadan; implemented organizational resources to allow for annual event starting 2023.

Science Student Mentor, Western University Faculty of Science April 2020 – Aug 2021

- Worked through academic counselling in the Faculty of Science.
- Helped facilitate the transition through the allocation of various academic and logistical resources, open communication, and mentorship.

Front Desk Volunteer, London Health Sciences Centre

Aug 2018 – Mar 2020

- Access limited, relevant patient information.
- Ensured all patients had access to necessary resources, such as mobility aids and/or methods of transportation.

Certifications and Training:

Animal Care and Veterinary Services (for research) certified.

AODA, Accessibility in Service certified.

Biosafety (for research) certified.

Certification of Academic Engagement.
Certified in Cybersecurity Awareness.
Certified in Foundations for Intercultural Competence and Global Engagement.
Certified in Worker Health and Safety Awareness.
Certification of completion for the Course on Research Ethics based on the Tri-Council Policy Statement: Ethical Conduct for Research Involving Humans.
Equity Training for Student Leaders, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion certified.
Equity Training for Student Leaders in Gender-Based Violence Prevention certified.
Laboratory Safety and Hazardous Waste Management certified.
Learn to Lead Advanced Certification.
Western Safe Campus Community certified.
WHMIS certified.
World Wildlife Fund Living Planet Leader Certification.

Indigenous Learning Honour expected April 2024.