

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: **LTC**

Contact Information

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Experience and Qualifications

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

No experience on any other board or commission but I feel a new experience as part of one would be fantastic.

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

**I hope to contribute my living experience as a daily transit user of at least a dozen routes daily and as a low income citizen who has a unique insight on what daily riders actually need/want in terms of routes, frequency, etc.
I hope to learn from other commission members' perspectives and experiences.**

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

I will support the work any way that I can, but I will also be very sure to politely & properly express my view on any of their upcoming decisions because I think that's been something lacking in the past. I will not agree to things without proper thorough discussions being had and sharing of every member's perspective.

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

**Daily transit use for 15 years in London. I am well versed on the routes and maps and lingo used by LTC (due to my contacts who are operators and such) and am able to be resourceful for anyone who needs assistance planning their trips or finding the right bus stop, sparing LTC dispatch a few calls at least.
I also am always asking people if they need help if they look lost so that will continue in my role as an LTC commission member.**

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):

See above. I have probably a more thorough understanding of the route network and frequency than most other commission members due to daily use to connect to my supports and resources. I also have an appreciation and respect for LTC drivers and experience seeing them be the victims of abuse by other passengers and I feel I could share that in a general way that would have a great impact in terms of policy decisions. For example: the fare policy needs to make a comeback and needs to be more properly enforced because those who usually aren't paying their fares are the ones assaulting and abusing drivers and other passengers.

We encourage the engagement of individuals with diverse perspectives and backgrounds to foster inclusivity in our endeavors. In alignment with this commitment, could you provide insights into how your participation in accessibility-related initiatives, whether through professional engagements, community involvement, or personal experiences, will contribute to our ongoing efforts to ensure accessibility and inclusiveness in all facets of our Board and Committee work? (max. 3000 characters):

I am well versed on the AODA and how that needs to be better implemented in the Paratransit and even conventional service. Having taken the bus with many mobility-challenged individuals, I have seen the frustrations with their less than positive experiences with the conventional and Paratransit services. I hope that as an able-bodied person myself with that experience, I can support and encourage better AODA implementation.

Attach resume or other document here, if needed:

Attach more files here, if needed:

Confirmations

I declare the following: **I am a resident of London. ; 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): **Word of mouth**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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