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

Application

Committee you are interested in serving on: **Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Community Advisory Committee**

Contact Information

Name: GAGANDEEP SINGH DHILLON

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):

I have not previously served on a London Advisory Committee. However, I am eager to contribute, bringing a strong commitment to supporting diversity and inclusion initiatives.

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

I wish to bring fresh perspectives and learn best practices in promoting inclusivity and equity, contributing to effective policies that enhance community cohesion and support diversity.

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

Being an immigration consultant, I will bring a deep understanding of the challenges and needs of diverse populations. I aim to use my knowledge to help developing policies and practices that are not only welcoming but also equitable, ensuring everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

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 an immigration consultant and active community volunteer, my professional and volunteer experiences have equipped me with a deep understanding of the diverse challenges and needs within urban populations. My engagement with the London Sikh Society and previous volunteer work with the Sikh Sewa Society in Toronto, where I helped serve meals to the homeless, have instilled in me a profound commitment to social equity and cultural inclusivity. These experiences have not only sharpened my ability to empathize with various community members but also enriched my skills in collaborative problem-solving and policy development. I am eager to bring this rich background to the Community Advisory Committee, contributing to more effective and inclusive policies that support all Londoners.

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

Drawing on my experience as an immigration consultant and my work with the Sikh Sewa Society in Toronto, I am keen to apply these insights to enhance diversity and inclusion

efforts in London. My commitment as a life member of the London Sikh Society underscores my dedication to fostering community cohesion and cultural understanding.

Attach resume or other document here, if needed: Gagandeep Singh Dhillon_Resume.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): **Social media**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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Professional Summary

Experienced immigration consultant with a background in community service. Committed to promoting diversity and cultural understanding, with a proven track record of fostering community cohesion through volunteer efforts and professional expertise.

Professional Experience

Immigration Consultant

CHK Immigration Services London, ON Since February 2022

- Advised and supported diverse populations navigating immigration processes.
- Developed strategies to integrate non-native residents into the community effectively.

Community Involvement

Volunteer

Sikh Sewa Society, Toronto, (2018-Present)

- Served hot meals to homeless individuals, enhancing community support networks.
- Participated in organizing community events that promoted cultural understanding and inclusion.

Life Member

London Sikh Society, London (2023–Present)

- Supported event organization and community programs.
- Spearheaded initiatives aimed at promoting community dialogue and understanding.

Education

- Bachelor of Engineering
 Civil Engineering-2009
 Punjab Technical University, Punjab, India
- Certificate of Achievement

Immigration Consultant (Honours)- 2020 Humber Institute of Technology and Advanced Learning

Skills

- Community Outreach
- Cultural Sensitivity
- Policy Development
- Strategic Planning
- Multilingual: Punjabi, English, Hindi