

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: **Kettle Creek Conservation Authority**

Contact Information

Name: **John Joseph (JJ) Strybosch**

City: **London**

Province: **ON**

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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):

I was appointed by the city to this position last year. I have completed a short term with the Lower Thames valley conservation authority, appointed late in 2021. I hoped to return there but it seems council felt it was important to offer more people opportunities and since I was, then, just appointed to Kettle Creek, I wasn't also renewed at LTVCA.

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

I feel as though I'm only beginning to learn how the LTVCA works and the concerns in that watershed. I hope to learn about Kettle Creek, how it's concerns and organization differs. I also wish offer my time and experience to committees so I can learn at a deeper level.

I can offer a background in tech, business and development as well as my commitment to preserving our environment for our future.

So far I am impressed by all the people doing great work at the LTVCA. I want to know more and bring my small, and hopefully growing, knowledge to the KCCA.

I want to be part of the good and important work our Conservation Authorities are doing.

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

Attend and participate in meetings, volunteer for committees, prepare by reading documents and learning more about the legislation that defines the work of the Conservation Authorities.

I'm also glad to sit on subcommittees and take on other duties.

The City of London has a commitment to Diversity and Inclusion where we foster an inclusive and supportive workplace respecting the diversity, dignity and perspectives of all. What does it mean to you to have a commitment to diversity and inclusion? Give us an example of how you have and would demonstrate that commitment further in this role. (max. 3000 characters):

I'm glad to see this. I'm a member of a non-visible minority and live with a non-visible disability. It is important to have a culture of inclusion and tolerance.

I've volunteered with Aman Laura a refugee organization predominantly working with people from Afghanistan and the Ukraine and Rainbow Refugee who support refugees who are unsafe in their homeland because of their sexual orientation or gender identity. My parents were immigrants from Europe after the war and I have seen first hand how immigrants have come and become industrious and important parts of our society and economy. One friend who came over a decade ago and still struggles with PTSD is now working in a window factory, paying his taxes, saving for a house. I began helping him

with language training and resume preparation. He also has become an incredible artists doing commissions of pets and any other work that he is inspired to do. His world is small in Canada, but his art touches hundreds of people each year.

I worked on the AIDS information line and Gay Line. It is a long time ago and, to my knowledge, only the director of the organization (at the time) and I are alive today. So many people lived in fear for their lives... and, back then, concerns for their safety was legitimate. I remember being part of a team walking people to their cars, we required 2 team members because it wasn't safe for one person to walk back from the parking lot to the community centre. Beatings were a sport for some.

It is so important to foster a culture of inclusion and acceptance. Women, Indigenous people, People living with mental health problems... we are all part of our society.

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 grew up mostly on family farms ranging including eggs, pigs, dairy and cattle. We have owned a farm and have cashed cropped for decades. I have some sense of the importance of agriculture and the challenges farmers face.

In addition I worked for my father's commercial contracting and development companies before I went into a carrier in tech. My siblings continued to operate commercial holdings and are currently exploring developing a small property outside the Conservation Authorities watershed.

I've worked with financial documents for numerous private and public organizations and contributed to boards and committees in that environment. I also bring my experience during my short time on the board of the LTVCA.

I have a strong tech background, developing business software, research and development and education. This brings a broad knowledge of technology and the scientific method.

Attach resume or other document here, if needed: **JJ Resume CV for LICH.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 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):

If you selected 'Other', please specify: **I was already appointed to this position and enquired what was happening with it.**

Submitted on: **4/23/2024 4:59:05 PM**

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WORK and VOLUNTEER

Appointed to Board - Work with board	Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority	2020 – 2022
Resettlement Volunteer - Assist refugees settling in the London Area	Aman Laura	March 2022- Present
Director to Board - Board manages a small firm.	Ontario 1835397 Development Corp	2009 – Present
Proprietor - Support legacy software systems - Produce and help market local artists works	JJ Strybosch Consulting	2008 – Present
Member of Awards Committee - Help select the winners of the Champions of Mental Health Awards	Canada Mental Health Association	2019 & 2021
Volunteer - Counsel and encourage men to be tested, accompany them to test - Supported new staff learning venipuncture	Options HIV Testing Program, ICH	2004 – 2019
President	Board of MSCC 691 Condominium Corp	2015 – 2018
Coordinator - Manage curriculum and students in the Advanced Computer Programming Program - Counsel students adapting to interruptions and complications affecting their progress	Fanshawe College	2004 – 2008
Professor - Teach Computer Programming	Fanshawe College	2001-2008
Department Rep - Counsel advices President on policy and structure	College Counsel, Fanshawe College	2003-2007
Coordinator/Research Advisor - Facilitated install, use and management of a province wide distributed research computer	Shark-Net	2003 – 2007
Lecturer - Taught Computer Science	University of Western Ontario	2000 – 2001

- Counselling Science students in program direction and choices

Professor Red River College, Winnipeg 1996 – 2000
- Taught business computer programming

Member Industry-College Curriculum Committee 1997 – 2000
- Helped adapt College programs to serve needs of provincial employers

Developer/Senior DBA Government of Manitoba 1994 – 1996
- Developed inventory control and billing software for internal use.
- Designed a GPS based database to coordinate and integrate all departments

Software Engineer Ubitrex Computer Corp 1991 – 1994
- Manage, analyze and facilitate development of a medical information system.

Consultant to Court Birenbaum Kaufman Steinberg 1990 – 1991
- Assisted defence in Canada's first software copyright law suit.

Labour, draftsman, design Strybosch Construction Ltd. 1978 – 1988
- Construction labour
- Assist in drafting and designing commercial buildings

Volunteer Aids Committee of London Ontario 1985 – 1991
- Community education and outreach regarding safer sex

Cleaner and team leader Dial-A-Maid 1984 – 1985

Counsellor Homophile Association of London Ontario 1983 – 1989
- Volunteer on the **Aids Line** – from 1983 – offered information and counselling to callers most of whom were struggling with life, illness, medications and treatment or were worried they might be infected.

- Volunteer on the **Gay Line** from 1982 – offered information and counselling to callers, most of whom were struggling with their lives in the closet or ramifications of coming out.

Programmer CLEF Educational Software 1982 – 1984

Editor Student Services 1976 – 1981
- Editor of School newspaper, yearbook. Letterman in soccer and track.

Minister of Finance Student Parliament 1978 - 1981
- Founder of Computer club

EDUCATION

Part time University of Western Ontario 2023 – 2024
- Taking **Research Methods in Psychology** to be completed in April

Part Time	University of Winnipeg	1997 – 2000
	- Completed Certificate in Education (teaching certification) Senior/Adult	
Full then Part Time	University of Western Ontario	1990 – 1994
	- Completed Masters of Science in Computer Science	
	- Formal Language theory, distributed databases and image processing.	
Research Presented	Microsoft, Redmond, Ca	1999
	- Paper on Ubiquitous Computing and Pedagogy at Post Secondary Conference	
Full time research	University of South Carolina	1988 – 1990
	- Research on image generation using lambda theory and IFS compression	
Full time	University of Western Ontario	1985 – 1988
	- Completed Honours Degree in Computer Science.	
Internships	Myrias Super Computer Corporation, Alberta	1986 – 1987
	- Intern in operating systems group	
Full time	University of Western Ontario	1982 – 1984
	- Studied Bachelor of Arts, Philosophy and Religious Studies w Computer Science & Math	
Full time	Strathroy District Collegiate High School	1991 – 1982
	- Graduated Grade 13	
Full time	Regina Mundi	1977 – 1981
	- Graduated Grade 12	