

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**

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Experience and Qualifications

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

While I haven't had previous experience on a London advisory committee, I am eager to leverage my creative thinking, diverse skill set and passion for environmental stewardship to contribute meaningfully to the objectives and initiatives of the City of London's Community Advisory Committee. As a driven individual, I am committed to making a positive impact and would happily welcome the opportunity to support sustainable efforts within the City of London.

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

As a current student at Western University, I am eager to bring a youthful perspective to the discussions and recommendations of the Advisory Committee. I recognize the importance of involving young people in shaping the future of our communities and am committed to contributing my insights and ideas to drive positive change. With my academic background, I intend to conduct research and provide valuable contributions to the committee's initiatives. Additionally, I am particularly interested in learning about the applicability of grassroots solutions from around the world to the context of the City of London. By studying various case studies and analyzing their effectiveness, I hope to gain insights into how these solutions can be adapted and implemented to address the unique challenges and opportunities within our city. Furthermore, I look forward to exploring how the City of London can serve as a model for sustainability and innovation, not only within Canada but also globally.

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

I am committed to actively engaging in discussions, offering honest feedback, and supporting fellow committee members. Recognizing the power of teamwork, I will collaborate closely with my members to ensure that our collective efforts are maximized. As a university student, I will leverage my position to conduct youth consultations, amplifying the voices and concerns of my peers. Additionally, I am eager to contribute to the committee's decision-making process by conducting thorough research and providing research evidence to support our recommendations. By combining my research skills with community input, I aim to enhance the committee's effectiveness in addressing the needs and priorities of our community. I firmly believe that effective leadership begins with service, and I am dedicated to serving the City of London through my contributions to the community advisory committee.

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):

My diverse background and experiences have bestowed upon me a unique perspective and skill set that I am eager to bring to the advisory committee. As an international student at Western University, my global outlook is complemented by a transformative internship experience at the Grace Kennedy Foundation in Jamaica. Engaged in the monumental Kingston Harbor Cleanup project, one of the largest cleanup projects across the region, I bore witness to the profound impact of urban life on the environment and collaborated with esteemed organizations such as The Ocean Cleanup, fostering invaluable insights into the symbiosis of environmental stewardship and community engagement.

This internship not only afforded me firsthand insight into the importance of public-private partnerships in addressing environmental challenges but also solidified my commitment to effecting meaningful change. Proudly serving as one of UNICEF Jamaica's Youth Climate Action Advocates, I have passionately advocated for climate action, driving awareness within and beyond my community. This tenure has fortified my dedication to environmental stewardship, propelling me to contribute tirelessly to initiatives fostering sustainability, innovation and resilience.

Moreover, I am honoured to serve as a founding member of the Environmental Sustainability Committee at Huron University. Forged by a collective ambition to drive sustainability on campus, our committee endeavors to advance Huron's sustainable objectives through innovative initiatives within student life. I am fervently excited about the prospect of continuing to champion environmental sustainability and effecting positive change within my university community.

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

My role in the Environmental Sustainability Committee at Huron University and as a UNICEF Jamaica climate action advocate have equipped me with valuable skills in community engagement and public consultations that are highly transferrable. I have conducted consultations on plastic pollution with UNEP in Jamaica. In my recent TEDx talk on "Harnessing the Power of Consumerism to Trigger Systematic Climate Action", I emphasized the importance of collaboration between government, private, and individual stakeholders and therefore, I must commend the City of London for forming such a crucial committee, as part of its public system, to drive sustainability and stewardship efforts. I truly believe that without environmental sustainability and conservation, economic development can't be achieved.

Attach resume or other document here, if needed:

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.**

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If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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