

# 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

Name: **Jamie Summers**

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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):

**If selected, this would be the first advisory committee I have served on. I have not served previously.**

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

**I hope to contribute my perspective as an environmental professional and citizen who has lived in multiple parts of the city. I hope to learn London's environmental priorities, challenges, and opportunities to advance stewardship initiatives and expand networks for action.**

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

**I would actively participate in all committee activities while identifying the more specific role or dynamic I would fit into well. My background as an environmental consultant will support technical contributions, initiative coordination, and management of committee dynamics.**

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 main contributions to the Community Advisory Committee are drawn from my work experience, training, and lived experience. I am traditionally trained in environmental sciences and planning, and currently work for a consulting firm as an advisor on the climate change risk and resilience team. Most of my work is focused on public sector clients at the municipal and federal level. I work with clients to understand their assets and/or operations and pair this information with climate and environment hazard data to establish their risk profile and make appropriate recommendations for risk reduction, management, and solution implementation. This role, which blends technical expertise, project management, team leadership, and business development, provides me with experience that should support the Advisory Committee's initiatives within its context. My experience in risk management and strategy development should assist in positioning London and the Committee for a sustainable and resilient future. Personally, I lived in London as a youth, moved away for ~15 years, and returned ~3 years ago. I was entrenched in community as a youth and am continuing to explore the city – dedicated to learning how I can support tactful and effective environmental sustainability on meaningful timelines. I am specifically interested in supporting the application of best practices for climate change adaptation and greenhouse gas**

mitigation, and supporting the Committee in promoting biodiversity and nature-positive initiatives that can run seamlessly alongside existing energy and waste reduction work. I am further interested in an equity focused lens on resilience and environmental stewardship that can improve outcomes overall and especially for historically underrepresented populations. I am drawn to apply for this position because I believe I have a well-suited base of knowledge and skills, and I am looking to be meaningfully engaged in local environmental stewardship.

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 lived in London as a youth, moved away for ~15 years, and returned ~3 years ago. I have perspective on environmental stewardship across Canada and am looking to learn about London's work and environment, connect with my neighbours and local decision makers, and invest in my community.

Attach resume or other document here, if needed: **CV\_LondonAdvisoryCommitteeEnv\_JamieSummers.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): **Printed newspaper advertisement**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

Submitted on: **4/22/2024 7:49:30 AM**

# JAMIE SUMMERS (she/her)

## PROFILE

I am a multidisciplinary environmentalist with over ten years of experience in environmental sciences, strategy, and planning. I have lived in London for over seven years, living in the west end and east end, and working downtown.

## CAREER

### Senior (2024) Climate Change Advisor, WSP

2021 – Present

Main areas of practice:

- Climate Risk Resilience, Planning, and Strategy; Biodiversity and Nature-Based Solutions Strategies; Engagement and Facilitation; and Research.

Select projects and experience:

- Engagement specialist for climate resilience planning and development framework (2024). Developed and delivered public engagement for development community input into framework. Focus on equity.
- Climate Adaptation Subject Matter Expert for Real Property Biodiversity Strategy (2024, 2022). Developed and delivered client engagement and consultation for state of biodiversity across national and international assets. Facilitated collaboration among other federal agencies and developed strategy to assess, retain, and enhance biodiversity across portfolio.
- Project Manager and Technical Lead for Climate Change Risk Assessment on Services and Operations (2023). Scoped, developed, and delivered assessment and recommendations for cross-Canada operations.
- Analyst for TCFD-Aligned Qualitative Risk Assessment (2021). Assessed physical and transition climate risk for asset manager with investments across over 20 sectors including energy, infrastructure, real estate, and equity.
- Analyst for Corporate Emissions Reduction and TCFD-Aligned Risk Assessment (2021). Conducted TCFD gap analysis, benchmarking, and qualitative scenario analysis across the company's global operations.

### Part-time professor, Environmental Management and Planning, Western University

2022

- Designed, developed, and instructed graduate students in the masters of environment and Sustainability program.
- Content covered foundations of sustainability and resilience, urban environmental management, aquatic and terrestrial resource management, wildlife and habitats, biodiversity, climate change, pathways to net zero, and scoping and study design.

# JAMIE SUMMERS (she/her)

## **Lead (2022) and Consultant (2019-2021) for Corporate Innovation and Resilience Program (Future Ready®), WSP**

2019 – 2022

- Assessed, developed, and dispatched in-house programs to achieve resilience in projects and internal operations.
- Developed external advisory offering for key clients.
- Designed and authored thought leadership series, cross-company webinars, and industry roundtables on popular resilience topics (e.g., health and the built environment).

Select projects and experience:

- Future Ready Lead for Future Ready Strategy (2022). Conducted in-person Future Ready workshop and studies on relevant future trends and solutions supporting a resilient approach for a new performance hall.
- Co-lead for Energy Services Acquisition Program Internal Engagement and Reporting (2020). Consulted across internal team to develop and complete a framework and summary of future trends and solutions implemented in project.
- Co-Lead for Future Scan and Scenario Construction (2020). Developed scenarios of alternative futures for WSP to use as high-level starting points for business planning 2020+.
- Reviewer for Scenario Planning Toolkit (2020). Contributed to WSP's three-part scenario planning toolkit (literature and resources).

## **Post-Doctoral Researcher, Freshwater ecology and environmental change, University of Waterloo and Queen's University**

2017 – 2019

- Specialized in long-term change in multiple stressor systems highly impacted by climate change, industry, and natural disaster. Studies environments of particular importance to Indigenous communities.
- Held tenure as Fellow with international research consortium. Co-authored studies published in prestigious academic journals and popular media including BBC, CNN, and CBC.

## **EDUCATION**

Doctoral Degree (PhD), Environmental Biology, Queen's University	2017
Master's Degree (MPlan), Urban and Regional Planning, Dalhousie University	2013
Bachelor's Degree (BScH), Environmental Sciences, Queen's University	2011

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND ASSOCIATIONS**

Toronto Region Board of Trade – ESG Certificate	2023
Design Thinking and Creativity for Business, INSEAD	2021
Infrastructure Resilience and Protection Planning, University of Toronto	2018
Fellow and Member, Global Lakes Ecological Observatory Network	2014 – 2019
Professional Ally, Canadian Institute of Planners	2011 – present

## **PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Peer-reviewed publications and scientific conference presentations in aquatic sciences listed on Research Gate, searchable by Dr. Jamie C. Summers, 2013-2019.