

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: **LMCH**

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 direct London board experience, but much other relevant experience detailed below.

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

To the London and Middlesex Housing Corporation I have 25+ years of experience in the private sector in finance, development and construction to offer to help guide them through upcoming projects such as the Reimagine Southdale project. In my career I've had the opportunity to work on a wide variety of infrastructure and housing projects from both the banking and project finance side of the business to the development side from greenfield or brownfield through to completion and occupancy. This spans from being a junior member of the finance team at Pacific & Western Bank (now Versabank) that structured the private public partnership deal among the City of London, Ellis Don & Global Spectrum for the John Labatt Centre in 2000-2001. Most recently at S.E.M. Construction and Miami Developments, we finished and occupied our 3rd apartment building in Lucan and one at 1076 Gainsborough. From my more recent experience in the construction industry I've gained considerable knowledge in the advantages and disadvantages of different building systems, as well as hands on evaluation of their cost effectiveness.

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

I'm clear on the Board's role to provide governance and direction to the operational staff. Here is where I can contribute to the collective wisdom of the Board in helping the CEO and staff evaluate risks, financial and social impacts of the many key decisions on both the day to day and long term operations of the organization.

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

My previous board experience is with London Bridge Child Care Services, not for profit provider of early childhood education in London and area. I was a member of the board of directors from 1999 to 2011, with the last 5 years as Chair of the Board. This organization had ~350 staff and provided subsidized child care funded in part by the province. While chair I guided the organization through a strategic planning process as well as a search for a new CEO.

Please tell us about your interest in being a part of the London Middlesex Community Housing board. Why are you interested in this particular opportunity? What do you hope to contribute, and how would you support the work of the London Middlesex Community Housing board?(max. 3000 characters):

I believe in the provision of social housing as an integral part of assisting people in need. Many studies have identified having a safe, secure space of one's own is a foundational need for individuals to further develop. And having a safe and secure space of own's own is a basic right and need for the many individuals facing mental or physical challenges such that they may not otherwise be able to care for themselves, a kind and caring society - which I believe we live in - needs to provide this. One cannot open a newspaper today without reading something about the current housing crisis in London, Ontario, and Canada. LMHC is at the vanguard of dealing with this situation and has the capability to offer a lot of help by physical expansion. However funds are not endless, and all levels of government have competing priorities in health care and education. That's why I see the role of LMHC, at least in part, is to provide the best value for each dollar spent. That's where I believe my private sector experience can help this organization achieve more of its goals.

Please tell us about your educational background, professional credentials, or any other training which is relevant to this position. (max. 3000 characters):

For full info see my LinkedIn profile.

Hons. BA Economics & History, Western University 1991;

MBA, Ivey Business School, Western University, 1995

I've engaged in lifelong learning with a variety of leadership and management courses, sales and marketing, and software training. I have a high level of proficiency and expertise in accounting and finance, and I have a complete working knowledge of the development approval process for redevelopment and new construction.

I also have a personal passion for heritage architecture, owning a 120 year old victorian home in old north, for which my wife & I received a Architectural Conservancy Award in 2010 for our restoration work. So where applicable and appropriate, I do believe in the adaptive re-use of buildings in order to preserve our built heritage.

Please describe any relevant work and/or lived experience you have. (max. 3000 characters):

I'm trying to keep this brief and not bore the reader, so I've said above what needs to be said.

Tell us about your involvement in any public or private sector boards, community involvement, or other experiences that are relevant to this position. Please describe the roles you played and the period of time you were involved.(max. 3000 characters):

Ditto here - see piece above about my role as chair of London Bridge Child Care Services.

If necessary, please provide any additional relevant information that is not captured in your previous answers.(max. 3000 characters):

This opportunity comes at a good time in my personal life, as I have children graduating from university this year, so I can consider them "launched"; allowing for me to dedicate the time necessary for the hard work of the board. I look forward to the opportunity to meet in person.

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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