

# 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

Name: **Archana Gupta-Harit**

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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):

**Archana Gupta-Harit is a visionary innovator who adeptly leverages advanced financial acumen, data-driven insights, and strategic acuity to inform and shape business strategies, effectively driving growth, profitability, and enhanced shareholder value. She is a Chartered Professional Accountant (CPA-CMA), and holds an MBA from Richard Ivey School of Business, Western University.**

**Archana currently serves as a Board of Director with Travel Industry Council of Ontario and Rapport Credit Union, where she continues to support Audit, Governance and Nomination Committees. Archana also served the boards such as Not-for-Profit Housing and Business Improvement Area as a non-voting member and Secretary Treasurer.**

**Archana is full time employed as Director, Financial Services, and legislatively appointed Treasurer with a municipal corporation. She garnered esteemed recognition with the prestigious Best Budget Presentation 2022 Award bestowed by the Government Finance Officers Association, North America. She has been applauded for unrivaled transparency, accountability, and the successful rejuvenation of the municipality and its financial health within a remarkably short span of tenure by the council members.**

**Prior to this role, Archana served the Ontario Public Services (OPS) for more than a decade in various progressive roles. She delivered services in the areas of I&IT, Strategic Business Planning, Governance, Financial Management and Reporting, Controllership, Enterprise Risk Management, Payment Card Industry Compliance, COOP and Emergency Management. She successfully delivered multidisciplinary multimillion Transformational projects resulting in high efficiencies and millions in savings. Received prestigious recognition with an individual "Deputy Minister Standing Ovation" award for pioneering the establishment of the highly successful Enterprise Risk Management Program.**

**Prior to Public Services, Archana worked in the private sector. As a management consultant, she provided strategic recommendations, insights on a variety of strategic and financial matters and advised clients' Senior Management team to resolve project roadblocks in Healthcare and Education Sectors.**

**Besides, Archana served three terms as Chair, Board of Directors, Deputy Minister Partnership Program Alumni Association; delivered executive-level coaching and mentoring to participants of prestigious leadership initiatives, including the Women in Leadership, and the official OPS Diversity Mentoring program. Played a pivotal role in driving initiatives aimed at enhancing workplace diversity, inclusion, and equality leading to change in the workplace.**

**Archana previously has also served a full term at Hospice Toronto as a Board Member. The Board guided the strategic goals and priorities, set policies, and ensured that the organization followed ethics, good governance and demonstrated accountability to the stakeholders. She served on the governance and treasury sub-committees.**

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

Having been part of the various boards, I truly believe financial and business acumen along with diversity of thought is very important.

I am a strategically driven, results oriented leader who has the vision, and the foresight to ensure the organization is financially lean, profitable and compliant. I bring more than 17 years of public sector experience along with a solid combination of Governance, Strategic Business Planning, Financial Management, and Information and Technology expertise earned in public and private sector that are required for the position.

I have an array of skills and attributes that qualify me for this position. These include strong analytical, organizational, problem solving, collaboration and change management skills with innovation and transformational orientation while continuing to deliver operational excellence.

Additionally, serving on various Boards, as a board member, has enabled me to interpret linkages between policies, procedures, communications, and decision-making processes while practicing highest standards and nurturing ethical behaviors across tables.

I believe you will see a significant and long-lasting positive impact financially from the work I carry out, the standards I set and the results-oriented mind set I utilize in all work and projects I am responsible for. That aside, I am equally anticipating learning more about all sorts of knowledge and skills around LMCH.

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

As a board member, I would have a responsibility to act in the best interests of the organization and its stakeholders.

By taking following steps, I am confident that I can successfully support the board.

First of all, understanding my role and responsibilities, and the lay of the land, listening to other board members and communicating effectively is crucial for the success of the board, being proactive and taking initiative can help the board achieve its goals.

Specifically, I will provide guidance on various financial matters.

I know as a fact that Collaboration is key to the success of the board, will work with other board members to achieve the goals.

I would stay informed about the latest developments in the housing industry through attending conferences, reading journals etc. This would also help me make informed decisions as a board member.

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

**Board of Directors | Travel Industry Council of Ontario Sep.2023 - Present**

Appointed as a Board of Director to serve as a public member as result of first-time opportunity for members of public. TICO is responsible for the administration and enforcement of the Ontario Travel Industry Act, 2002 and Ontario Regulation 26/05 on behalf of the Ontario government. Building upon the TICO's profound legacy, will be working collaboratively with the board to lead growth and advancement of the organization and participate in enterprise-level change initiatives. Serve the Audit, Technology, and Risk Committee as well.

**Board of Directors | Rapport Credit Union Aug. 2021 – Present**

Serve as a member, overseeing 17K members at 10 branch locations, with 80+ employees and \$313M+ in assets under administration. Work collaboratively with the board to lead growth and advancement of the organization, participating in enterprise-level change initiatives, including replacing the CEO, and introducing guidelines such as Board member performance reviews.

**Non-Voting Board Member | Treasurer | Business Improvement Area & Not-for-Profit Housing Boards May 2021 – Present**

Provide strategic advice on decisions surrounding business and residential areas and associated improvement. Additionally, manage financial health and affairs for the organizations to ensure all expenses are monitored and budgets are consistently met.

**Assessor | Government of UAE / Abu Dhabi/Ajman July 2017 – Nov. 2022**

Made recommendations to the Jury for the Award of Excellence in Government Performance program, promoting the welfare of the emirate's society. Provided advice on economic trends and future-based strategies that could hold influence over achievement of UAE's 2040 vision, economic outlook, and interests, including in IT, Financial and Economic Development, and Accountability Frameworks.

**Chair & Board Member | Deputy Minister Diversity Partnership Program Alumni Association, OPS May 2011 – Feb. 2021**

Served on the leadership team of this volunteer association, supporting Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion through partnership programs, professional development and networking

**opportunities, and organizational change management initiatives.**

**Board Member | Hospice Toronto July 2006 – June 2010**

**Provided support with oversight and monitoring of organizational performance, the organization's programs, and providing regular updates and reports to the Board on various programs that supported Toronto residents in managing and coping with the terminal illness of their loved ones.**

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):

**Having spent over 17 years in public sector in progressive roles and various board as Board of Director roles (voting and non-voting). I would love to stretch my abilities and meet new challenges in a Housing board as a Board member and being a resident of London.**

**I have an array of skills and attributes that qualify me for this position. These include strong analytical, organizational, problem solving and change management skills with customer centric orientation besides my ability to work in collaboration with other team members.**

**I believe i will bring business and financial acumen to the board, while practicing highest standards and nurturing ethical behaviors across tables.**

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

**I have an MBA from Richard Ivey School Of Business, CPA-CMA, CGEIT, CRMA, PMP earned over the years that have helped me expand my knowledge and corroborate it.**

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

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): **Please see above**

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

Attach resume or other document here, if needed: **Archana LMCH - Board Member.pdf**

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): **Professional or community organization**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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