

Committee: **Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented: **Western University**

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Occupation: **Masters candidate**

Work experience: **I have worked for the City of Toronto Parks and Recreation since September of 2005. I also briefly taught English abroad and operated my own business before beginning my masters program at UWO.**

Education: **I have a B.A. in Kinesiology and Health Science, Spec. Hon. at York University and am currently a student of the Masters of Environment and Sustainability (MES) program at Western. I am a student representative of the MES program for the Society of Graduate Students (SOGS), and am also pursuing my Outdoor Education Certificate at Humber College.**

Skills: **With a background in health science, I am able to bring a unique perspective on health impacts and the environment, and how they are influential towards each other. I can also contribute knowledge from my environmental background in the MES program.**

Interest reason: **I would like to contribute to the environmental well-being of London and the community in which I have adopted as my new home. Before moving to London, I served the City of Toronto and can apply my experience. London is unique as a city because it's home to so many students and I would like to make an impact on the student body.**

Contributions: **I will bring a student perspective to the committee as well as my familiarity with the policies and organization structure of the City of Toronto.**

Past contributions: **While I have not been a member on a committee of this style, I have served on other committees and also have a wealth of volunteering experience serving on different organizations.**

Interpersonal: **These relationship skills are fundamental interpersonal skills that I employ day to day. Working with my student peers on projects, meeting with professors and administration from the MES program, or even interacting with new faces, it's always important to appreciate and respect the experiences, abilities, and knowledge of others and learn from their thoughts. Working with the Somali community as a coach and administrator for a local soccer club, I have also seen how cultural difference and values are crucial to planning and management.**

Interview interest: **Yes**