

Committee: **Cycling Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented: **Bicycle Commuters**

Name: **Ian V Parker**

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Occupation: **Bicycle Technician**

Work experience: **Twenty years of safe bicycle commuting in London ON, Montreal and London UK.**

Education: **Bachelor of Arts Creative Writing and English from Concordia University**

Skills: **In addition to a vast technical knowledge about bicycles, I have a deep awareness of what makes a safe urban cycling experience.**

Interest reason: **I want to see more bikes on London roads. I have learned that one of the keys to commuting safely is visibility, not in the day-glo sense but more of a factor of the number of cyclists on the road moving safely with traffic. When there are enough cyclists, drivers no longer perceive bicycles as an obstacle on the road, but as a normal part of traffic patterns.**

Contributions: **I am intelligent, well spoken and always seek to understand the other viewpoint rather than blindly attacking it. I am always prepared to learn from others and admit when I am wrong. Tolerance and understanding are the keys to the democratic process.**

Past contributions: **None at the municipal level, but I have worked with co-operative organizations in academics and the recreational sector.**

Interpersonal: **I am always willing to learn from others, both their success and failures. There are seldom absolute right and wrong opinions, so everyone's viewpoint counts and can be used to reach group decisions.**

Interview interest: **Yes**