

Committee: **Cycling Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented: **members-at-large, both of whom regularly utilize cycling as a mode of transportation in London**

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Occupation: **Community Developer/Entrepreneur**

Work experience: **Over the past 5 years I've contributed significantly to the non-profit sector in the London region. In addition, I've taught at Fanshawe College in the urban planning program and have worked at Western University conducting planning & urban form based studies. I'm currently self-employed, completing work in both community development and digital media/content design & delivery.**

Education: **Degrees & Diplomas: - B.Ed. - Intermediate Senior - Diploma - GIS & Urban Planning - B.A. - History Credentials: - Former (lapsed) Ontario Certified Teacher Professional Development Certificates: - Community Development for Practitioners - Foundational Community Building - ENGAGE! - Community Leadership - ACE Communities Training - Leadership London**

Skills: **As someone with a educational and employment background in both planning and urban form fields I have a foundational working knowledge of how cities are constructed, how they function and how they evolve over time. In addition, as someone who has chosen to live without a personal automobile, making use of both public transit, active transportation (including cycling) and car rental/car shares, I feel that I have a perspective that would be valuable to such a committee. I appreciate the need for both automobile and cyclists to share the road and experience, on a regular basis, what it is like to be an operator/user of various modes of transportation.**

Interest reason: **Up until now I have contributed to building a stronger community/city in smaller and more informal ways. I've never felt that there was an appropriate position/role for me to play on a formal committee. I'm interested in serving on this body as I believe that it's an opportunity for me to contribute to building a stronger, more resilient city in a more formal way.**

Contributions: **I believe that this committee, the Cycling Advisory Committee, would benefit from my knowledge and experience and that I could offer a 'users' perspective. As someone who's chosen to live without access to a personal automobile, and as someone who cycles the majority of the year, I believe that my 'users' perspective would be of great value. In addition, I believe that my pragmatic approach to problem solving would benefit such a committee in finding compromises and building consensus to move the cycling 'mandate' forward in the City of London for the benefit of all.**

Past contributions: **I am a Founding Working Group member for Our Street London, an organization that works to inspire Londoners to walk, cycle, and take public transit through creative community events and media. Our Street promotes healthy, sustainable,**

accessible, and beautiful urban form through education, advocacy, and celebration. In addition, I have for the past three years organized an informal, social, weekly bike ride that draws a diverse range of participants, upwards of 50 people weekly, for a city wide community bike ride.

Interpersonal: I was one of the members of the Community Engagement Task Force (CETF), which required myself to work with many others, learning from one another, respecting each other and building upon the knowledge that each of us brought to the table. In addition, my experience teaching has allowed me to become a better communicator, moderator and listener. Both of these roles, in addition to the other community engagement/development work I have completed have helped me to better understand and develop productive ways to understand, learn from and work with others in a variety of situations.

Interview interest: **Yes**