Committee: London International Airport Board of Directors

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: Michael Foster

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Occupation: Travel agency president/partner

Work experience: I have owned and operated London area travel agencies for 34 years, serving travel consumers from Southwestern Ontario and North America wide.

Education: Graduated from Fanshawe College, and have served on industry boards and councils throughout my career.

Skills: I have 35 years of travel industry experience as well as served on industry-related boards. I have have and continue to have leadership and ownership roles in one of Canada's largest travel agencies, and most-recently, my company is now part of the world's largest travel agency organizations.

Interest reason: The airport is one of the most-important economic and commercial resources of the city and area, and I feel that I have much to offer the board, considering my experience and perspective. London is my home, travel is my career, and serving on the board allows me to give back to both.

Contributions: I can bring my industry insight, my experience, my perspective, and my relationships to help the board to reach the goals of London International Airport.

Past contributions: I have served on a number of boards and councils. The contributions most-relevant to this position include serving for ten years on the board of TICO (Travel Industry Council of Ontario), ACTA (Association or Canadian Travel Agencies), and chair of an advisory council at Fanshawe College.

Interpersonal: I have spent my entire career in leadership roles working with teams of colleagues and employees, which required me to exchange with others and listen, respect, share, and work with others toward common goals. i have also served on a variety of charity boards as well as been an active Rotarian, for more than 10 years. My entire career and community service work has been centered around working with others.

Interview interest: Yes