

Committee: **Greater London International Airport Authority**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Matthew J. Wilson**

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Occupation: **Lawyer**

Work experience: **Called to the Bar of Ontario in 2011, I am a lawyer practicing business and land development law at Lerner LLP, where I act for large, medium and small business corporations, municipalities, municipal board and commissions, land developers, home owners, and not-for-profit corporations on matters including corporate governance and land development. A proud member of the London community, over the past years I have also volunteered with numerous community organizations and served on a number of Boards of Directors. In recognition of the above, in 2013 I was named as one of London's Top 20 Under 40 by Business London Magazine.**

Education: **BA(Hons), King's University College, University of Western Ontario LLB, Western Law, University of Western Ontario Called to the Bar of Ontario Member of the Law Society of Upper Canada Registered Trade-mark Agent Member, Institute of Corporate Directors**

Skills: **My legal practice includes advising clients on matters related to corporate governance, risk management, land use planning and corporate best practices. Further, my service as a Director of other corporations provides experience and specialized knowledge that can be applied when serving in this position. More details on current and previous Board experiences are detailed in my answer to another question on this application.**

Interest reason: **I was privileged to have been able to pursue my post-secondary education in London, to grow my professional career in London, and to consider London home. To me, an important sign of a vibrant and growing community is the extent to which residents of that community give back. London has provided me with a home, with a community, and I am excited at the possibility of continuing to give back to London by serving on this body. The London International Airport is an important economic engine for the London community, and one that needs to continue to grow to serve the needs of London's residents, businesses and industry. Ensuring the ongoing vitality of this fixture of the London community is of paramount importance. As a proud user of the London International Airport, I am personally aware of the benefits the Airport currently provides, and the possibility of even greater success in the future.**

Contributions: **I believe that both my legal background and my experience on other Boards of Directors makes me an ideal candidate for appointment. In particular, I am able to bring to the Board experience gained from serving on Western's Board, including the University's Property & Finance and Audit committees. Western completed fiscal 2013 with revenues of \$1.08 billion and expenses of \$1.01 billion. Western's Board of Governors**

oversees assets in the amount of \$903.6 million, investment returns in fiscal 2013 of \$62.7 million, and, in fiscal 2013, Western completed capital additions to the University totalling \$161.6 million. Additionally, as a lawyer practicing in the areas that include matters of corporate governance and land development, I am able to bring a legal perspective to an organization that is involved in both of these areas.

Past contributions: For over three years I have served on the Board of Governors of the University of Western Ontario, one of the City's largest corporations and economic influencers. I am currently the Vice-Chair of Western's Property & Finance Committee, and serve on the Audit and By-law committees and the University's Senate. In addition to the University of Western Ontario, I serve or have served as a Director of other local corporations, including King's University College, the Canadian Club of London, and Musical Theatre Productions. Further, I previously served as Chair of the City of London's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

Interpersonal: Each person brings a unique set of skills, abilities and knowledge to the table, and each view should be respected. Respecting each person's background makes the whole group better, which should always be the goal. Through my profession and my volunteer experience I have met and worked with a diverse group of Londoners, and am thankful for the experiences that I have had and the people I have met.

Interview interest: Yes