

Committee: **Accessibility Advisory Committee, Parent of a Child with a Disability**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Jill Bell**

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Occupation: **homemaker**

Work experience: **Clinical Supervisor, Hamilton-Niagara Regional Autism Intervention Program 2007-2010 Senior Therapist, Hamilton-Niagara Regional Autism Intervention Program 2005-2007 Instructor Therapist, Southwest Regional Autism Program for Preschoolers 2003-2004 Psychometrist, Windsor Regional Children's Centre 2002-2003 (contract)**

Education: **BA (hons) psychology, UWO 2002 MA psychology (behavior analysis), UNR 2005 Board Certified Behavior Analyst (BCBA) 2007-present**

Skills: **I volunteered and worked at Thames Valley Children's Centre from adolescence through university, working with children with different disabilities. My career was focused on working with children with autism and their families, from therapist to supervisor, doing both parent and staff training. I left my career when my youngest son was born in 2010. He has spina bifida and is paralyzed below the waist. He independently uses a wheelchair and is currently in JK.**

Interest reason: **I have lived in London for nearly my entire life and am raising a family here. I am very much invested in the physical accessibility of our city for people with disabilities, as well as the accessibility for those living with intellectual disabilities.**

Contributions: **I have over a decade of experience working with children with disabilities and the education and training to back it. I am raising a son with a physical disability and have a growing interest and knowledge base in the accessibility requirements of private homes, buildings and public areas.**

Past contributions: **I am the local contact for the Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus Association of Ontario.**

Interpersonal: **I was a clinical supervisor of a regional autism program funded by the provincial government, working in collaboration with day cares, school boards, parents and other therapists at various agencies and hospitals. I spent a great deal of time collaborating with professionals and families to ensure the best therapy for my clients. I was also a part of hiring, training, and providing ongoing supervision to the staff that implemented therapy. In my personal life, I do the same for my son, working with educators, therapists, doctors, and agencies to ensure that his needs are met.**

Interview interest: **Yes**