

Committee: **Upper Thames River Conservation Authority**

Organization/Sector represented: **Union Gas Ltd. / Utility & Energy**

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Occupation: **Stakeholder Relations**

Work experience: **I served as the Operations Manager for Z Group, a housing and land development company in London for many years. In 2010, I joined Union Gas as a pipeline construction project manager and in 2014 I moved over to the public affairs group at Union Gas, specifically focussing on Stakeholder Relations supporting storage and transmission construction projects.**

Education: **Although I am an architectural technologist, I have worked my entire career in construction operations and Project Management.**

Skills: **I have a detailed knowledge of how the development industry can potentially impact environmentally sensitive areas. Conservation regulation has been intrinsic to my life's work, and I am well versed in contamination mitigation, drainage and watershed issues. I am an accomplished board member with leadership and collaboration skills and I am employed by a company that also shares conservation and stewardship values.**

Interest reason: **I enjoy volunteer and committee work and am always interested in participating in engagements that broaden my knowledge and interests while complementing my professional roles. I joined and served the London Housing Advisory Committee during a period in my career when I was involved in Housing, but now that I've seen the term through, I'm interested in realigning my committee work to my current role.**

Contributions: **My critical thinking, teamwork and leadership skills have served me well in my roles on other Boards and committees. I have several years of strategic planning experience and operational execution in a volunteer capacity.**

Past contributions: **Throughout my entire career I have been involved in many professional associations including the London Home Builders Association (Past President), the Ontario Home Builders Association (Past Director), the Canadian Home Builders Association (Past Board Member) the Canadian Urban Council (Past Member) the London Housing Advisory Committee (Past Member), Business Cares (Past Organizing Committee Member), Fanshawe College Foundation (Current Cabinet Member) and Family Services Thames Valley (current executive member of the Board) and I have invested countless volunteer hours in the city of London and surrounding municipalities. Additionally, I have volunteered tirelessly on behalf of Children's Hospital, Make a Wish Foundation, Fanshawe College, the London Food Bank, Southdale Chaplancy, Ronald McDonald House and the Canadian Cancer Society.**

Interpersonal: **I welcome any opportunity to work with any diverse group where different viewpoints and opinions can be shared without prejudice and with common goals in mind. I find this type of work both challenging and rewarding, and given my extensive experience on boards and committees, I believe I have a proven history of significant experience.**

Interview interest: **Yes**