Committee: Upper Thames Valley Conservation Authority

Organization/Sector represented:

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Occupation: Registered Nurse

Work experience: I am a Registered Nurse who works in the LHSC Paediatric Emergency Department. I am also a Director of Theatre productions and a photographer. i walk with my dogs in the Sifton Bog every day and have taken photographs of every aspect of the bog for 5 years. I teach part time at Fanshawe College.

Education: **BSCN Nursing**

Skills: I walk each day in the Sifton Bog, and meet and talk to the people who enjoy that space. I clean up the garbage in the bog and learn about the plants and animals/insects that inhabit that space. I understand the importance of having natural spaces to escape to. I see the joy on the faces of the children from CPRI and the children from the surrounding schools as they learn about and explore the bog. I have an incredible amount of experience in public speaking through theatre and teaching, I am an excellent leader and have headed up many successful projects. I love the natural spaces in London and believe we need to protect them...I want to be a part of that.

Interest reason: Please see above.

Contributions: 1. Encouraging people to adopt the natural environments near their homes, (what goes in comes out...cigarette butts, garbage, etc). 2. Helping people to understand the microscopic life that needs to be protected in the bogs and natural spaces. 3. Helping with fund raising, increasing community awareness, sharing the idea that we are stewards of the earth etc.

Past contributions: I am one of the co-ordinators of the London One Act Festival. This is a local Festival that celebrates new local writers, actors, directors and artisans. this is our 15th year in London. I have put together a fundraiser for the United Way. I have hosted the Brickenden Awards in London. I have directed many successful award winning productions in London Ontario.

Interpersonal: I am a registered Nurse who works in the Emergency Department. The department is only successful if communication is open, respectful and clear. Listening to our patients, our families, our colleagues and exchanging ideas is a vital part of my job and is why I am successful. As a director I work with a large group of creative, talented people all who have very specific ideas about what is right and what is wrong. I listen, negotiate, communicate and lead in a collaborative manner.

Interview interest: Yes