

Committee: **Advisory Committee on the Environment**

Organization/Sector represented:

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Occupation:

Work experience: **After my PhD in biology (ecology of bird migration), I spent 4 years as a research associate at the University of New South Wales, Sydney, before relocating to London, ON. I worked as a postdoctoral associate and assistant professor in the Department of Biology for 4 years, before joining the Research Office at Western University. In my role as Development Consultant, I increased the external research funding allocated to the university by working closely with faculty members of all disciplines to improve grant applications. I also worked closely with industry partners to establish collaborative research programs.**

Education: **PhD (Biology), Centre for Wildlife Ecology, Simon Fraser University MSc project research, Netherlands Institute for Sea Research. MSc ('cum laude'), Depart. of Biology, University of Göttingen, Germany. University of Aberdeen, UK (student exchange year) University of Würzburg, Germany (undergraduate courses in Biology)**

Skills: **The skills that I would bring to the committee are the ability to read scientific literature, analyse data, prepare reports, and present them to a wider audience.**

Interest reason: **I have a keen interest in environmental issues, and a passion for sustainable living. As I am raising my family in London, I wish to do anything I can to contribute to a healthy environment in a place that is now our home.**

Contributions: **I believe I can help to initiate environmental actions that the residents of London can participate in. Some of these initiatives can be inspired by actions other municipalities have undertaken. For example, I was instrumental in establishing Western's Ideas for Sustainability and the Environment (WISE) Competition that is open to all Western students. Similar initiatives might be possible at the municipal level.**

Past contributions: **I have been an observer to the Mayor's Sustainable Energy Council (MSEC) for about a year. I have served on the Birds Australia regional committee for 2 years.**

Interpersonal: **I have lived and worked in Europe, North America and Australia, where I interacted with members of a large range of cultures on a daily basis. I was thus able to practice the art of appreciating and respecting different points of views.**

Interview interest: **Yes**