

Committee: Advisory Committee on the Environment; Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

Organization/Sector represented:

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Occupation: **Recent graduate/home-maker/volunteer**

Work experience: **Much of my professional work experience occurred before I had children and completed my second two Masters degrees. I worked as an editor for Ubizen, an Internet Security Portal based in Belgium. While studying in California, I worked for two years at the Center for Non-Proliferation Studies in the Information Collection Branch where I conducted French and Spanish media searches into biological, chemical and nuclear weapons. For the past eight years I have engaged more in volunteer work. I worked regularly in the Heart and Stroke Foundation office in Kelowna, BC. I worked on a research project for the Okanagan Families Society for a number of months. Since arriving in London, I have regularly served on Parent Councils (sometimes as President) and headed fundraising initiatives. Currently I volunteer for ReForest London as a Tree Captain and I helped with their recent Toast to Trees event.**

Education: **As of Nov. 8, 2014 I will hold a MSc in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management from the University of Oxford. My dissertation focused on Indigenous entrepreneurship and biodiversity conservation in Canada. I graduated from the University of Kent in Canterbury, England in 2006 with an LLM in Environmental Law. In 2003 I graduated from the Monterey Institute of International Studies in California with a degree in International Environmental Policy. In 2001 I received a BA in International Relations from the University of British Columbia.**

Skills: **I have an extensive education in all facets of environmental studies. I am able to translate scientific and legal texts into more accessible works. I have completed course work in Water Law, Land Law, Conservation and Society (conservation within urban settings), Sustainable Agriculture and a number of other relevant areas. I can look at situations from the local, regional, national and international perspective. Through all the studies I have done, I have demonstrated my ability to conduct in-depth research.**

Interest reason: **London became my home seven years ago when my husband began his job at UWO. I have witnessed rapid expansion and many changes to the city in that short time. I believe that London could start implementing proactive measures to make the city a more healthy, aesthetically pleasing and environmentally-friendly place to live. London has an opportunity to make a name for itself as a beautiful and green place to live and I would like to be a part of that process.**

Contributions: **I can bring my legal, scientific and policy background in all aspects of environmental issues to the Advisory Committees. I have just completed my Oxford degree where I learned a tremendous amount on recent conservation developments. While I was studying, I frequently thought of how what I was learning could be applied to London. I met and talked with environmental planners for Oxford, and I made contacts with environmental planners from various cities in the US and Australia. Understanding how others are adapting to environmental change will help with planning for London's future. I am diplomatic, non-confrontational, highly organized, an excellent writer/researcher as well as passionate about the environment. All of these aspects would be an asset to the Advisory Committees.**

Past contributions: **I have not yet served on a similar body. My knowledge of collaboration and organization is limited to sitting on the various Parent Councils on which I have served. I do not believe, however, that my lack of experience in that area will hinder my ability to serve on either or both of the Advisory Committees I hope to join.**

Interpersonal: **All of my graduate educational experiences have occurred in international settings with extremely diverse student bodies. Most recently, my program included students from six continents, representing multiple religious and linguistic groups. Due to**

the legal and political nature of my studies, respecting and learning from others' points of view and knowledge was essential for establishing good working relationships and to get the most out of the program. Having lived in six different countries, I have appreciated the importance of accepting and adapting to cultural difference. Moreover, I have made a point of studying Indigenous knowledge and its relevance to environmental planning, as I believe doing so is paramount for carrying out most projects across Canada. Finally, having served on various Parent Committees, and particularly in my role as president, I learned to value others' skills and contributions to the group, and to really listen to others so that any disputes could be solved amicably.

Interview interest: **Yes**