

Committee: **Advisory Committee on the Environment**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Jim Kogelheide**

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Occupation: **Para-Transit Driver / Environmental Art Instructor for Children**

Work experience: **I've been actively advocating for sustainable lifestyles and developments for the past 18 years. I blog about environmental community initiatives. I write poems and songs about our need to respect Nature. I teach children to care for our Earth. I've recently completed a mayoral campaign where Green Urbanism was my platform!**

Education: **My studies were in the fields of architecture and interior design at George Brown College (Toronto) and Fanshawe College (London)**

Skills: **Over the last two decades I have created a program - which I have taught throughout Canada - including Nunavut (2006) - entitled Art For Earth, where children learn the values of preserving our environments as well as learning artistic skills in painting and creative writing. To do this, I have worked with many local environmental groups... including (in the London area) The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, The Lower Thames River Conservation Authority, The Ausable Conservation Authority, Habitat for Humanity and the London Health Sciences Centre. A few of my programs were funded by the London Arts Council and the Ontario Arts Council. I have created these workshops in 7 different London area schools. I also read a lot of environmental books by David Suzuki (who wrote to me during my mayoral campaign, wishing me 'good luck'), Tzeporah Berman (who autographed her latest book for 'Mr. Jim For Mayor while in London, this spring) and many others. I also get involved in many community groups dedicated to sustainable urban living. I've spent the last few years developing food picking programs with the Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre where we support local farmers, reduce our carbon footprint and save money by filling our freezers with local grown veggies and berries!!**

Interest reason: **London needs to take steps to become sustainable! This is an area that I am passionate about and I know that I will be able to contribute in a positive way to the issues brought before this committee.**

Contributions: **I'm very detail oriented and success driven. There are few projects that I've gotten involved in that weren't successful. I have the ability to work well with others, investigate issues of concern and make positive recommendations.**

Past contributions: **Hmmm.... I don't think there is room here for me to detail all that I've been involved in over the last two decades... so I'll just chat about one small five year adventure... For five years, I traveled throughout Canada working with Mayors, school boards and teachers, community organizations, churches, newspapers, etc. to create educational environmental programs for parents and children. Each year, a community Earthday celebration was created involving many people.**

Interpersonal: **I believe that all of my previous answers show beyond the shadow of doubt that I am a team player who works well with others to bring positive ideas to life.**

Interview interest: **Yes**