

Committee: ACE

Organization/Sector represented: **Green Energy London Co-operative**

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Occupation: **Project Management**

Work experience: **Experiences include strategic planning/alliances, community environmental programs/products/ and services, public policy, information exchange, and resource development to engage social change initiatives. In a senior role, I have had direct involvement with startup of over a dozen agencies toward sustainable practices, including the co-operative. I have a range of work experiences that include education, marketing, ICI, government, non-profit, sales, research, self-employment and consultation.**

Education: **Energy Management, Penn State University, EcoCanada's communication certification (CECAB), Adult Education (CACE) instructional design, evaluation and facilitation principles from Brock University. Have higher academic education (Masters) in an unrelated field. Also, Western certification in Non-Profit Management, Canadian Institute of Management certification, Certified Management Accounting, 4 years.**

Skills: **Have demonstrated leadership in life cycle project management, facilitation and evaluation of complex multi-sectorial environmental projects. Have advanced financial, staff, operations and management experience in building capacity. Viewed as critical thinker, follow sustainable best practices from other cities, have an extensive range of environmental contacts and networks.**

Interest reason: **I feel that everyone should contribute to community where they have strengths. I am very interested in issues involving municipal planning, climate change and health to enhance quality of life for Londoners. I have committee experience, would like to learn more and work with others toward a common goal. I am a systems thinker and bring new perspectives to the table.**

Contributions: **I have been on ACE as a TREA rep. I ask for consideration in this term as a 'green' interest group rep or member at large. I have gained much from research of best practices and interactions on livable city practices. I can help transition ACE as new members come on board questioning processes, issues, priorities and public policy process. I believe my background is an asset to ACE. A resilient healthy environment is well achieved through policy contributions.**

Past contributions: **I have introduced policy recommendations, best practices, performance and partnerships to assist the City in their profile both locally and nationally over time through ACE. I give input to the Health Unit's Healthy Communities policy team, and the City's Road Safety Committee. I recently prepared input to the London Plan, and the Ministry of Transportation's cycling infrastructure plan. I follow the City's budget process and attend Council meetings on key issues. I am currently helping ACE's goal to establish a Natural Heritage Master Plan policy umbrella for ecosystem services. I attend Urban League of London meetings and keep current on neighbourhood issues.**

Interpersonal: **I have participated on a number of established committees, local, provincial and national teams and task forces in leadership or participant roles. I have contributed to multi-discipline teams on long term planning, learnings, marketing, needs assessment, resource mobilization, governance and evaluation design. I have organized multiple processes for community engagement over time. I have helped set project management priorities and timelines consulting with a variety of audiences and working groups on environment, conservation and climate change issues.**

Interview interest: **Yes**