Committee: Town and Gown Committee

Organization/Sector represented: Neighbourhood in proximity to Western University

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Occupation: Diveristy & Accessibility Coordinator

Work experience: I have worked in the area of Human Resources for close to 15 years. I have worked with individuals to overcome barriers to employment and worked in industry liaising with community partners to facilitate placements. I also teach part time at Fanshawe College.

Education: I have a B. Commerce from University of Guelph. I have taken courses in Mental Health First Aid, Conflict Mediation and more recently, AODA training and Adult Education certification.

Skills: I believe I have personal characteristics and past experience that allow me to look at many different aspects of a situation, listen well, ask questions to obtain as much information as possible and try to facilitate smart decisions that best achieve win-win solutions.

Interest reason: I believe my experience with the students of Western (and Fanshawe) as well as being a home owner in the proximity of Western Ontario make this a good fit between this community and my interests. I would like to give back to the London Community as my kids are grown up now and I have more discretionary time.

Contributions: I believe my experience with the students of Western (and Fanshawe) as well as being a home owner in the proximity of Western Ontario make this a good fit between this community and my interests. I believe I can assist the group to review all pertinent information required and consider many alternative options to any issue it may face. Past contributions: I lived in a Cooperative community (White Oaks Heritage Coop) when I first moved to London, Ontario many years ago. I volunteered on a few committees and eventually was asked to sit on the Board of Directors which I did.

Interpersonal: Through my position on the Board with WhiteOaks Heritage Coop, through my Senior Leadership roles in Industry and currently in my role as Diversity & Accessibility Coordinator, I have been an Advocate to encourage others to voice their concerns or recommendations to improve wellbeing or performance to benefit everyone. I prefer to listen to the opinions of others first but am confident in expressing my opinions or sharing my knowledge.

Interview interest: Yes