

Committee: **Trees and Forests Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Jim Kogelheide**

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Occupation: **Environmental Art Instructor / Bus Driver**

Work experience: **I've been involved with organizing and teaching many children's 'Art For Earth' programs here in London, and across Canada (1999-2004) that are designed to inspire our youth to realize our responsibility to ensure safe and healthy environments for future generations. Several of my programs have dealt specifically with forestry issues and have provided children with an understanding about the many varieties of natural forests that exist, including Red & White Pine Old Growth Forests (Temagami workshops) and Carolinian Forests (found here in Southern Ontario). In the past many years, I have also been involved in many tree planting initiatives - as a planter and recruiter (in the spring of 2014 with the assistance of the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority I organized a children's Earthday Tree Planting Parade with much success).**

Education: **My education was in the fields of Architecture (George Brown College, Toronto) and Interior Design (Fanshawe College, London). My professional credentials are based on self-initiated programs and efforts that have resulted in many children's programs in London as well as across Canada. I've also recently completed my 'Mr. Jim For Mayor' campaign - with much success - (please visit www.bitsandpeaces.com to view my collection of Youtube videos which deal with a variety of sustainable urban initiatives that need to be realized by communities around the world and to see the many news articles that talk about my accomplishments as an artist and my visions for a sustainable London).**

Skills: **I'm motivated and driven to create programs that will educate our youth as well as get them involved in sustainable lifestyles. I am self-motivated (I'm sure you've gathered that by now) and I work well with others and groups! My history of accomplishments may be self-motivated but it is with the assistance of others that have made my programs and efforts a success.**

Interest reason: **I live in London and I look forward to be a part of the efforts that will ensure a safe and healthy environment for future generations.**

Contributions: **As my mayoral candidacy proves, I'm dedicated to improving the quality of London's environment - both inner city as well as surrounding areas. My campaign required a huge amount of research as well as organizational skills... things that I am very proficient at.**

Past contributions: **I have not been involved with a body such as this, but I am positive that my history of working with others to create engaging community projects shows many positive qualities that will benefit this group.**

Interpersonal: **My past has seen me working with the Ontario Arts Council to create programs that also involved many local organizations like the London Health Sciences Centre, Habitat For Humanity, The Glen Cairn Community Resource Centre, The London Library, The Upper Thames River Conservation Authority, The Lower Thames River Conservation Authority, The Ausable Conservation Authority as well as six London elementary schools including Matthews Hall Private School. In each instance, I've had to exchange views with others and appreciate the skills and abilities of others.**

Interview interest: **Yes**