

Committee: **London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented: **Aboriginal Peoples' Commission**

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Occupation: **Student**

Work experience: **Through my non-partisan experience, I currently work as a Political Risk & Policy Analyst for the Leadership and Democracy Lab, which is a think-tank at the University of Western Ontario. This opportunity has allowed me to evaluate the mandates of the Provincial and Federal Government, as well as foreign regimes, and develop risk assessments for corporations looking to set up in Ontario, the United States, and other countries. I also work with the University Students' Council Executive at Western on advising of new grants and opportunities being provided through the Provincial Government, and how the Students' Council can best utilize those resources. Conversely, my partisan experience and involvement with the Provincial Government spans almost 16 years now, as I am currently the President of the London West Provincial Riding Association, however started off as a volunteer at an extremely young age in 2003. In my current role, my primary responsibilities include representing the Riding Association as the Chief Executive Officer, but also combatting voter apathy in London West, which included the founding of the London West Young Liberals. As such, I have lead public and social policy discussions, writing press releases, drafted policy and strategic initiatives with the tri-ridings of London, and provided continuous constituent support and communication on behalf of the Riding Association and Provincial Government.**

Education: **My educational background consists of pursuing a Honors Bachelor of Arts in Political Science at the University of Western Ontario, to graduate in 2016, while concurrently pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Government through distance studies at Harvard University.**

Skills: **The specialized knowledge I have developed as the Youth Representative for the Aboriginal Peoples' Commission of Ontario, has developed through my role in ensuring extensive policy advocacy efforts are expanded well past the threshold of base demographics. I have worked closely with the Ontario Liberal Party, Liberal Party of Canada, and Democratic National Committee on redeveloping the policy standpoints, as well as with staff from the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs at Queen's Park on Aboriginal Outreach.**

Interest reason: **I am committed to Public Service and the overall development of my community that I reside in. Additionally, I want to help further the mandate of the committee, which follows the belief of providing "leadership on matters related to diversity, inclusivity, equity and the elimination of discrimination".**

Contributions: **I believe I can bring a new perspective to the table for the City of London, as an Aboriginal Youth attending University. My work experience and personal experience with advocacy allows me to provide alternative perspectives on future development of cultural relations within the city.**

Past contributions: **Currently, I am the Vice President of Youth for the Liberal Party of Canada, in the London West Federal Liberal Riding Association. In this role, my primary responsibilities include youth advocacy for London West, including the founding of the London West Young Liberals, increasing youth membership for the Liberal Party, writing press releases, drafting policy with the tri-ridings of London, and providing continuous constituent support and communication on behalf of the Riding Association. I have also worked with various committees within the Federal Ridings of London and with former legislators regarding an array of legislative issues, from youth advocacy, to aboriginal governance, to federal health care policy. I currently chair the Aboriginal and Veterans Affairs Committees for the tri-ridings of London, which has called for outreach to surround riding associations in Southwestern Ontario and Toronto.**

Interpersonal: **As a current stakeholder in the public consultations for the Ministry of Finance's proposed budget, I have extensive experience with exchanging partisan and non partisan views in the best interest of my community and my fellow community members.**

Interview interest: **Yes**