

Committee: **accessibility advisory committee**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Jon Higgins**

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Occupation: **n/a**

Work experience: **Recently, I graduated from Ryerson University's (Masters) Documentary Media program. Prior to that, I had a number of marketing/advertising jobs. My most significant job to date was a summer internship at 3M Canada.**

Education: **I have a Masters degree in the Documentary Media from Ryerson University. Two honors bachelors degrees in Film Studies and Media and Creative Writing from the University of Western Ontario. Working at 3M introduced me to the fast-paced and result driven nature of the corporate work environment.**

Skills: **I could bring a number of skills sets to the Accessibility Advisory Committee. I have experience in media, communications, customer service, sales, marketing, technology, and advertising.**

Interest reason: **I would like to strengthen my networking ability by meeting new and interesting individuals. I would also like to help serve the community. Being in a wheelchair, I constantly face barriers. Working to eliminate some of those barriers interest me greatly.**

Contributions: **I have first-hand knowledge of accessibility related issues. I have created many interview-based documentaries as well as written journalistic articles. With this information in mind, I have a lot of experience interacting with people and listening to their stories. I believe that's my skill set would greatly benefit the Accessibility Advisory Committee.**

Past contributions: **As a filmmaker, I have much experience working in a collaborative atmosphere. As a university student, I have a lot of experience working independently. I believe that the Accessibility Advisory Committee will see the benefits of my professional attitude.**

Interpersonal: **The tricky thing about creating an interview-based documentary is balancing the combination of getting the footage that you want while still respecting your subjects.**

Interview interest: **Yes**