

Committee: **Environmental & Ecological Advisory Planning Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented: **Urban Agriculture, Forest & Community Gardening, Pollinator Habitat & Conservation. Food & Seed Security & Sovereignty.**

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Occupation: **Avant-Gardener: Co-originator & Facilitator of Food Not Lawns.**

Work experience: **I have over 20 years of experience working in a myriad of business sectors, from education, merchant services, customer service, small business, and the food and beverage industry. I have a background as a quality controller and liaison from working for the credit unions. I am currently working for a chef in the food and beverage industry, and a great deal of community development work voluntarily.**

Education: **I am fluently bi-lingual in both French and English. I have a background in holistic health care, as a certified Usui Reiki Master Teacher (III), and formerly in Iridology, Applied Kinesiology and Reflexology. I studied Art History at Western University.**

Skills: **I have been an ecological/environmental advocate my entire life. My public school was the very first in London to have a recycling and composting program. I have over 20 years of experience and knowledge as an ecological/organic gardener, urban agriculturalist, and forest gardener. I am a member of The Old East Village Community Association, who recently provided me with the opportunity to obtain my certificate in Community Development. I am a Neighborhood Tree Captain (completed all levels of training, including seed forecasting thru Trees Ontario). I am also a supporting member of The Carolinian Forest Gardening Guild, Seeds of Diversity, Pollination Canada, Sustain Ontario & Food Secure Canada.**

Interest reason: **I have been involved with the working group on pollination, for which I am very passionate about, and I would like to better serve my community, by becoming more involved at the municipal level.**

Contributions: **I am very knowledgeable and stay abreast about all matters pertaining to the environment and ecology. As a community developer, I greatly enjoy community building, and believe I can contribute a myriad of skills and be an asset to this committee.**

Past contributions: **I have contributed most recently to the working group for pollination advocacy. I have been involved with Re-Forest London for several years, and contributed to the development of an Environmental Network. I was a delegate at The Urban Agriculture Summit in 2012. I was also highly involved in an initiative of the city of Victoria for several years, providing water wise gardening education, promoting community gardening and habitat restoration.**

Interpersonal: **Both professionally and throughout my life as a volunteer, I have developed a great appreciation for dialogue, community engagement, skills and knowledge sharing. I am highly capable of articulating myself, while also being a good listener and always respectful of others, no matter what their skill, ability of knowledge.**

Interview interest: **Yes**