Committee: **EEPAC** 

Organization/Sector represented: UWO Biology

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Occupation: Graduate student

Work experience: -researcher in plant physiology and climate change at UWO -former assistant at radiology clinic -UWO students council and senate

Education: Graduated from UWO '15 with an Honours BSc. in biology. Currently doing a masters in Biology and a collaborative degree with the Centre for Environment and Sustainability. Certified in WHMIS, sensitivity training, lab safety, bio safety. Skills: I have a strong understanding of the ecological principles underlying land preservation and development. I have studied at length the significance of biodiversity and its importance in nature and in the London community. I also have experience in

formulating and enforcing policy through five years of involvement with Western's students' council in multiple capacities as a portfolio holder and an advocate.

Interest reason: I love London! I've lived here since grade 5 and I have a deep interest in the application of scientific findings and principles to policy-related fields. My growing interest in sustainable initiatives is another reason why I would like to join this committee, and my educational and research background, I believe, is relevant to my involvement in EEPAC. Contributions: I am an engaged local with a strong background in the natural sciences. I care deeply for London and I will bring sound scientific judgment and critical thinking to the committee. I believe that my interest in nature and sustainability are assets I can bring to EEPAC.

Past contributions: I currently sit on the Advancement Committee at Matthews Hall (local independent school) as a young alumnus. I am involved in a variety of engagement and fundraising endeavours and I work with many memebers of the Matthews Hall community both past and present.

Interpersonal: As a graduate student, much of what I do requires collaboration with colleagues, professors, and students. I am a teaching assistant for organismal physiology and this position requires understanding the individual strengths and weaknesses of my students. I also am working in several group research projects which requires constant positive personal interactions and problem solving. My involvement in athletics, school clubs, students' council, etc, all require tolerance, communication, respect, and empathy.

Interview interest: Yes