

Committee: **Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented:

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Occupation: **mother**

Work experience: **I was a psychiatric nurse, public health nurse and pharmaceutical sales rep but have not worked in 20 years as I have raised 3 boys. My eldest son is 22 and was born with spina bifida and uses a wheelchair. My 20 year old son attends Western University and my youngest son is a grade 11 student at Lucas high school.**

Education: **BScN from McMaster University 1987**

Skills: **Our family has lived in London, Calgary, Austin, Texas, and Sydney, Australia. We have navigated the health care, educational and recreational systems in all of these cities with our 2 typical children and our son with spina bifida.**

Interest reason: **I am interested in encouraging every sector of our community to consider accessibility issues as they move forward. Having lived in several different communities, I have seen different ways of approaching these issues which may be of value to the City of London.**

Contributions: **I am a thoughtful contributor who is actively involved in many aspects of our community and our family navigates it regularly with our son who uses a wheelchair.**

Past contributions: **I currently sit on the Thames Valley Children's Centre Client Advisory committee. I just recently worked with Parkwood Hospital to get a clinic established for adults with complex medical conditions. I was a Parent Advocate for our school in Texas and sat on their Special Education Parent Advisory Council. I also sat on the Parent Advisory Council for Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary.**

Interpersonal: **I have been involved in with the disabled community since the birth of my son 22 years ago. I have been actively involved in schools, hospitals and the sporting community as both a parent of typical kids and a parent of a child with a disability. I have been exposed to many different types of families over the years and have always been involved in committees to try and improve the communities we have lived in.**

Interview interest: **Yes**