

Committee: **Advisory Committee on Heritage**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Mark Wilkie-Facchin**

Address:

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Occupation: **Purchasing, Inventory Manager - Forest City Surplus**

Work experience: **Having lived in London my entire life, all my previous employment has been within the city. Starting as a telemarketer when I was a teenager, I moved to working in restaurant kitchens as a chef and then finally moving into a managerial role at Forest City Surplus. These experiences have allowed me to ascertain various skills that I employ on a daily basis such (but not limited to) leadership, maturity, independence, teamwork, goal oriented and a desire to always continue education.**

Education: **I went to Oakridge High School where I graduated with honours in 2005. I took a few years before continuing with my post-secondary education to pursue my interest in travel, music and writing. In 2010, I entered Fanshawe college's Culinary and Business Management program. I graduated in 2012 with a 3.8 GPA. I have over five years experience in the retail, customer service industry and three years of management experience within the same. Forest city Surplus has allowed me to develop my managerial skills further by giving me the trust to operate as the Purchasing Manager without hindrance; spending upwards of 100k a month.**

Skills: **I've always had a deep rooted passion for history and during my time at Oakridge and Fanshawe, I immersed myself in all things pertaining to Canadian history. Continuing this interest in my spare time has allowed me to develop a mind that is sharp and quick on the uptake with learning new skills and abilities as well as a very well formed memory.**

Interest reason: **Having grown up in the Forest City my entire life, I would love an opportunity to give something back to my hometown that's given me so much over the years. My love of history will become invaluable for this committee as old houses and the stories they possess are one of my passions.**

Contributions: **I will bring a love of London and it's buildings, a love of history and the desire to want to learn everything about a site and its occupants. I want to be part of this committee so when my daughter grows older, she'll be able to appreciate the old buildings and memories of this city as I have and I believe my organizational abilities, maturity and contacts within various outlets (media etc.) will prove to be invaluable.**

Past contributions: **I have experience with being on various committees through my various involvements within Corinthian #330 Masonic Lodge, London West District. I personally chair the blood donor committee as well as sit on a "Brother to Brother" committee which is made up of a number of masons who discuss and contribute ideas and events within the Masonic community and the various charities they support.**

Interpersonal: **Being both on the aforementioned Masonic committees and being employed in a managerial position within the company I work for, I'm used to being part of a discussion where various views are exchanged and debated. Keeping a calm head and maintaining the focus of working together to meet the same ends always prevents the committees I'm part of from going off track or falling apart. I am one of 5 managers at Forest city Surplus, we work together using each other's knowledge and abilities to move forward and ensure the business' success. If we were unable to work together, the business would suffer.**

Interview interest: **Yes**