

Committee: **Greater London International Airport Authority**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Matthew Wilson**

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Occupation: **Lawyer**

Work experience: **Called to the Bar of Ontario in 2011, I am a lawyer practicing business and land development law at Lerner LLP, where I act for large, medium and small business corporations, municipalities, municipal boards and commissions, land developers, home owners, and not-for-profit corporations on matters including corporate governance and land development. A proud member of the London community, over the past years I have also volunteered with numerous community organizations and served on a number of Boards of Directors. In recognition of the above, in 2013 I was named as one of London's Top 20 Under 40 by Business London Magazine.**

Education: **BA(Hons), King's University College, University of Western Ontario LLB, Western Law, University of Western Ontario Called to the Bar of Ontario Member of the Law Society of Upper Canada Registered Trade-mark Agent Member, Institute of Corporate Directors**

Skills: **As noted above, my legal practice includes advising clients on matters related to corporate governance, risk management, land use planning and corporate best practices. Further, my service as a Director of other corporations provides experience and specialized knowledge that can be applied when serving in this position. More details on current and previous Board experiences are provided below.**

Interest reason: **I was privileged to have been able to pursue my post-secondary education in London, and to consider London home. To me, an important sign of a vibrant and growing community is the extent to which residents of that community give back. London has provided me with a home, with a community, and I am excited at the possibility of continuing to give back to London by serving on this body. The London International Airport is an important economic engine for the London community, and one that needs to continue to grow to serve the needs of London's residents, businesses and industry. Ensuring the ongoing vitality of this fixture of the London community is of paramount importance. As a frequent user of the London International Airport, I am personally aware of the benefits it currently provides, and the possibility of even greater success in the future. It is also important that our community boards of directors reflect the diversity of the London community. Diversity include ensuring age diversity, an important perspective I bring as an experienced young professional.**

Contributions: **I believe that both my legal background and my experience on other Boards of Directors makes me an ideal candidate for appointment. In particular, I am able to bring to the Board experience serving on Western's Board, including the Property & Finance, By-laws, Senior Operations and Audit committees. Western completed fiscal 2014-2015 with revenues of \$1.16 billion and expenses of \$1.08 billion. Western's Board of Governors oversees net assets in the amount of \$1.13 billion. I am also privileged to serve on the Governance committee for London Health Sciences Centre, where I am able to assist with a variety of governance matters. Additionally, as a lawyer practicing in the areas that include matters of corporate governance and land development, I am able to bring a legal perspective to an organization that is involved in both of these areas. As a result of my service on Western's Board of Governors, I will be speaking in Washington, DC at the April, 2016 conference of the Association of Governing Bodies of Universities and Colleges on the importance of next generation leaders on governing bodies. Knowledge gained at conferences such as these, and through other educational opportunities, can serve not only Western but also the Greater London International Airport Authority.**

Past contributions: **Since December, 2010 I have served on the Board of Governors of the University of Western Ontario, one of the City's largest corporations and economic influencers. I am currently the Chair of Western's By-laws, and serve on the Senior Operations committee and the University's Senate. In addition to the University of Western Ontario and London Health Sciences Centre's Governance Committee, I serve or have served as a Director of other local corporations, including King's University College, the**

Canadian Club of London, and Musical Theatre Productions. Further, I previously served as Chair of the City of London's Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee.

Interpersonal: Each person brings a unique set of skills, abilities and knowledge to the table, and each view should be respected. Respecting each person's background makes the whole group better, which should always be the goal. Through my profession and my volunteer experience I have met and worked with a diverse group of Londoners, and am thankful for the experiences that I have had.

Interview interest: **Yes**