

Committee: **London Hydro Board of Directors**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Harry Joosten**

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Occupation: **Independent Community Service Professional**

Work experience: **I completed a 40-year career at Libro Credit Union in January 2016, latterly serving as Corporate Secretary and Governance Coach. From 1976 to 2016, I was also responsible at various times for marketing, media and government relations and strategic planning coordination.**

Education: **1976 - BA Economics Western University 1980 - Credit Union Institute Fellowship 1982 - Credit Union Institute Associate (Honours) 2003 - Queens University Executive Program 2015 - ICD.D (via Rotman School of Business at University of Toronto)**

Skills: **- collaboration & cooperation - strategic & scenario planning - government relations & public affairs - media relations & communications - board skill assessment & group evaluation - succession planning & candidate recruitment - articles, bylaws & policy development**

Interest reason: **As a long time resident of both London (since 1973) and southwestern Ontario (since birth), I am both keenly interested in and committed to the vitality of London and surrounding region. Recently retired, London will remain my long-term home. London Hydro is one of the city's prize jewels. It also represents a unique opportunity for increased collaboration with similar entities in the region leading to improved effectiveness and efficiency via scale and synergy. As well as benefitting me as a London Hydro customer and local citizen/ratepayer, I would enjoy the intellectual and social challenges that service on the London Hydro Board would provide.**

Contributions: **While not a professional accountant nor lawyer, I do have 40 years experience, most at the senior management level of the largest cooperative financial service organization based in the city and across the whole region of southwestern Ontario. Thus, at varying levels, I do possess skills and experience in the following areas: finance, legal, accounting, strategic planning, HR resourcing, corporate stewardship & risk management, regulatory compliance (finance), government relations, competitive business environment, local and regional municipal issues, local and regional industry, and economic development.**

Past contributions: **I have not served on any other public boards (utilities or otherwise). However, with extensive experience on other Boards, I have contributed to their strategic planning, government relations, facilitation and negotiation needs: - Ontario Credit Union Charitable Foundation - Central 1 Credit Union & Credit Union Central of Canada Board Legislative Committees - Canadian Cooperative Association International Development Committee - London Chamber of Commerce Government Affairs Committee - Southwest Economic Alliance (SWEA) Board of Directors (including service as Corporate Secretary) - Grand Theatre (London) Also, I am starting service on the Executive of the Southwest Ontario Chapter of the Institute of Corporate Directors and also soon (June) ReForest London.**

Interpersonal: **I have extensive experience in both media and government relations from an external to organization perspective (requiring excellent writing, speaking, listening and overall communication skills) as well as facilitating and moderating seminars, workshops, planning sessions as well as regular Board and Committee meetings within all kinds of organizations. The cooperative sector is well known for its commitment to diversity and openness.**

Interview interest: **Yes**