

Application for Appointment to City of London

Boards, Commissions, Committees

Application for appointment to: London Hydro Inc. Board of Directors

Organization/Sector you are representing (if applicable): Community

Name: Diane Szoller

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Occupation: Project Management

Describe your work experience:

Activities include strategic planning, stakeholder management, community energy conservation programs designed for replication or part of larger models, products and services, public policy, information exchange, trainings, and resource development. In a senior role, I have had direct involvement with startup of over a dozen agencies on sustainable practices. I have a range of work experiences - education, marketing, ICI, government, finance, non-profit, sales, research, self-employment and consultation. Prior to project management, I worked in post-secondary admissions and then in finance. My last corporate position had me responsible for collecting \$26 million yearly.

Describe your educational background and, if applicable, professional credentials:

Trainings - Community Building/Development - Campus for Communities, Social Economy - OISE, Energy, Environment and Economy - Penn State University, federal Office of Energy Efficiency - Energy Master Planning, Adult Education - Brock University. Have higher academic education (Masters) in an unrelated field. Have Non-Profit Management, Business Management and 4 years of CMA education.

What skills, abilities and specialized knowledge do you have that will assist this body?

Have demonstrated leadership in life cycle project management, facilitation and evaluation of multi-sectorial projects and advanced financial, staff, operations and management experience. Viewed as a critical thinker. Have varied ICI work experience, large and small businesses, in each sector.

Why are you interested in serving the City of London on this body?

I am very interested in municipal energy planning locally and nationally. This position calls for an understanding of financial and legal information, accounting and tax matters, strategic planning, utility industry knowledge, competitive business environments, awareness of the needs of local government, citizens and the business community. My background supports this background plus a strong community emphasis for targets to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and energy use. A stronger understanding and contribution in the economic stability of London Hydro would be a very rewarding experience for me.

What contribution do you believe you can make to this body?

I am very interested in energy management. I have participated with community conservation initiatives for over 25 years. Examples include 1995-1997, I helped plan for 3,000 resident energy audits, initiated multi-res retrofits, and developed a weatherization strategy for 1,000 housing units with a Green Community initiative. 2006-2007, I was involved with gathering community wide energy plan citizen interest by conducting ward workshops across London. In 2008, I engaged 12 communities in a rural energy reduction strategy in BC and promoted BC's charter on carbon neutrality to same.

I attend a number of forums to understand trends and issues. For example: Vancouver's Globe Series conference to advance global business sustainability agendas (2016), Kingston's SWITCH 'Managing Energy' forum (2015), Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) Sustainability conference (2015), and so on. Last fall, I helped at the Association of Power Producers of Ontario conference to summarize proceedings from their Energy Storage stream. According to the Ontario Energy Board, only five of Ontario's 75 electric utilities achieved 100% of their energy conservation targets 2011 to 2014, London Hydro achieving 47%. I want to see London closer to its targets and to contribute to that process.

What past contributions have you made on a similar body or organization?

I have several years of municipal advisory committee experience involving policy recommendations, best practices, performance and practices to assist the City both locally and nationally over time. I have participated with a health unit policy team and the City's Road Safety Strategy committee. Submissions include input to the London Plan, cycling infrastructure plan, City budget and various Master Plans.

One example on the Advisory Committee of the Environment was my helping recruit members for a Task Force on Energy and Air Emissions. We then compiled FCM's national data standards to initiate a London multi-sector energy use and emissions baseline inventory along with recommended policy to project future comparisons locally and with other cities. We also created an energy manager position.

What experience do you have in exchanging your views with others and in appreciating and respecting the skills, abilities and knowledge of others?

I have participated on a number of established committees, local/provincial and national teams and task forces in leadership or participatory roles. I have contributed to multi-discipline teams on long-term planning, learnings, needs assessment, resource mobilization, governance and evaluation design. I have organized multiple processes for community engagement over time and set project management priorities and timelines consulting with a variety of audiences and working groups.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the discretion of the Committee, and dependent also on each applicant's expression of interest, all or some of the applicants may be invited to attend a short interview with the Committee. The purpose of such interviews is to allow applicants an opportunity to elaborate on their application.

Are you interested in such an interview? Yes

The final approval of appointments is given by the Council.

If you require any additional information about the Committee appointment process or if you have any questions about any of the bodies to which appointments are to be made, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 519-661-2500 Ext. 4599.

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DATE – May 5, 2016

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