

Committee: **Agricultural Advisory Committee for the City of London**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Louise Hollingsworth**

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Occupation: **Customer Service**

Work experience: **I currently work front line with customers at Staples while I also work casual at the Sisters of St Joseph Convent. I have worked as a city tree surveyor, for conservation authorities, and agricultural research farm, an engineering firm, a global water charity and Reforest London. I am registered to attend Fanshawe beginning this January for Emergency Telecommunications**

Education: **Degree in Geography, trained environmental planner with a working knowledge of the theories, principles and practices of wetland biology, landscape ecology, and terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems**

Skills: **In addition to a life time of backyard gardening I geographically know London's neighbourhoods. I have worked in urban planning as an environmental planner and I understand there are always policies and legislation that need to be understood to implement projects. I have had the pleasure of working with city staff while with Reforest London and look forward to building on those shared dreams for the city.**

Interest reason: **I attended the last urban agriculture conference and I was inspired. This body, because of its collaborative approach, feels like it has the wings to create the change we need to see to have a sustainable food supply given climate change.**

Contributions: **With program piloting, presentation, administrative and good listening skills I hope to further the mission of the committee. I know how to garden with over 20 years of backyard experience. I am ready to help in anyway I am able to make the place for agriculture within our urban landscape.**

Past contributions: **I have served on a number of communication committees for organizations such as the Water and Environment Association and have been responsible for editing submissions and writing articles. With the Council of Canadians, among other things, I organized a series of films about water at the central library. As a director with the Ontario Hemp Alliance I was a part of the team that organized the first ever Industrial Hemp Symposium right here in London.**

Interpersonal: **As an experienced facilitator, I am adept at extracting input from the most reserved participants and assisting the least reserved in being kind and respectful. I am gifted at customer service which is essentially good listening and kindness. I understand how to communicate my own ideas in a group setting respectfully and encourage the best behavior by all involved. We all have gifts to contribute.**

Interview interest: **Yes**