

Committee: **London Police Services Board**

Organization/Sector represented: **N/A**

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Occupation: **Management Consultant and Paralegal**

Work experience: **Have worked since the early 1980's in the public and private sector. In the public sector I worked as a Small Business Consultant for the then Ministry of Industry and Trade and was the first Director of the Ministry of Labour Office of the Employer Adviser for almost 6 years. This was followed by about 3 years of work as a Senior Director at the Ontario Workplace Safety and Insurance Board specializing in internal and external consultations: working with stakeholders on policy and strategic planning issues. From 1993 onwards I have worked as a management consultant/human resources specialist offering services in WSIB, health and safety, return to work and disability management.**

Education: **I hold an Honours BA in Political Science from York University (Downsview, Ontario) and a Masters of Arts in Political Science from McMaster University (Hamilton). I took a year of independent study and was a teaching assistant at the University of Western Ontario in the mid-1970s and was Doctoral Candidate in Political Science at Carleton University. Following my academic work I was a Parliamentary Intern at the Federal House of Commons and continued to work as a Political Assistant for about 4 years during the Trudeau-Clark years of government. Respecting my current professional work I am a Paralegal licensed by the Law Society of Upper Canada and am in good standing. I have taken many courses and attended programs relating to government and taught at the universities I attended during my tenure as a graduate student. My work with the Government of Ontario provided excellent training on working with large scale political organizations. However, I have no political affiliation at this time and would bring a non-partisan perspective to the LPSB. My consulting work has provided me with many opportunities to observe and work with first responder organizations.**

Skills: **I would bring a sensitive, non-partisan and problem solving approach to the LPSB. I would hope to be afforded the opportunity, by way of an interview or other means, to learn more about the expectations of the LPSB for this vacancy and to compare these with my own observations about police issues in the city. I am fully involved in Mental Health injury and illness management - as part of my professional services. As you know, these are complex and compelling human issues with which the London Police Service, as well as other police bodies, are coping with. This is one of many strategic issues with which I believe I could assist. I support dealing with Mental Health from a contextual perspective and not exclusively from a policing perspective.**

Interest reason: **My wife and myself moved our residence from Vaughan, Ontario to London, Ontario in August, 2013. I am a huge supported and fan of London: it is a welcoming and warm city. We have, unfortunately, had reason to seek assistance from first responders in London and can only speak glowingly of their commitment and service. I am interested in serving the City of London to contribute, even in a small way, towards sustaining and enhancing the positive view I have of the city and city services. This is a difficult time for local governments who are seeking to balance financial/budgetary issues with citizen demands for quality services. While working in Government and in my various consulting roles I have direct experience in juxtaposing these demands on organizations.**

Contributions: **This is a difficult question to answer insofar as I have not worked with the LPSB or city commission before. My contribution would be to bring a non-partisan, balanced and problem solving approach to the LPSB with a view towards supporting police services to meet citizen needs. In terms of specific policing issues, above I referred to my commitment and role with Mental Health injury and illness in the workplace. Together with an ex-colleague with a London law firm we have established a London-area Employer Psychological Health and Safety Group which now includes over 30 employers and which is dedicated to preventing Mental Health problems in the workplace and trying to assist "employees" in the event of a work-related or non-work-related issue.**

Past contributions: **Many years ago I was appointed to the City of Toronto Cycling Committee. Frankly, I was not motivated to offer to work at the community level since then. During my time living in London I have come to appreciate what I believe is an unique city: whose citizens both commit to community service and follow/are involved in the workings of City Hall and services. I am inspired by the London community spirit.**
Interpersonal: **Since the 1980s all of my professional work has focused on public policy issues, policy development, strategic planning, and stakeholder consultations and communication. I would hope to apply these to the LPSB. I qualify for consideration for the vacancy on the LPSB as I am not a judge, justice of the peace, police officer, nor do I practice criminal law.**

Interview interest: **Yes**