

Committee: London Housing Advisory Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee, London Convention Centre, Board, London Council for Adult Education, London Public Library Board

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Matt Farrell**

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Occupation: **College Professor**

Work experience: **Professor, Fanshawe College, 2007-present -I teach a number of interdisciplinary courses including: civics, communications, and sustainability Educational Developer, Wilfrid Laurier University, March 2014-Aug2014 -I assisted with curriculum development and renewal projects and I fulfilled instructional design responsibilities Process Improvement Facilitator, Sunlife Financial, Canada 1999-2006 -Training and facilitation; mergers and integration work; process improvement analysis -18 years of experience in the hospitality industry, managing bars and restaurants across south-western Ontario.**

Education: **-Master of Arts, Political Science from Wilfrid Laurier University -Bachelor of Arts, Political Science from Wilfrid Laurier University -Bachelor of Arts, Economics from the University of Waterloo -Career Coaching – International Coach Federation -Project Management, Conestoga College -Performance Management, Fanshawe College -Perfect Presentation Skills, Sunlife Financial Canada**

Skills: **I am an outstanding communicator with a strong track record of building positive relationships with diverse groups of stakeholders. I bring with me a background in: process improvement, strategic planning, curriculum development, and corporate training. Furthermore, I am a sound, pragmatic thinker that is often sought out by media outlets for my thoughtful analysis. I contribute to local print, radio, and television programming, where I provide commentary about political and social issues.**

Interest reason: **I have been a college professor for the past seven years. While I have a broad range of teaching responsibilities, my specialty is political science. I have long counselled students about the values of civic engagement and public service. Now that my personal and professional satiation has finally afforded me the time, I wish to take my turn serving the public.**

Contributions: **I can contribute an educator's perspective to the group. Dealing with students every day has given me valuable insight into the plight of those on the margins of society. New graduates, the unemployed (and underemployed), new Canadians, second careers students, and single parents: these are the groups of people with whom I interact – daily - and I have first-hand knowledge of the challenges they face. London is failing them – on a number of levels. We need to work towards overcoming those challenges, and I am ideally suited to contribute to the effort.**

Past contributions: **I have experience working with the following groups: -Wilfrid Laurier University, Faculty of Liberal Arts, Dean's Advisory Council -Wilfrid Laurier University, Faculty Human and Social Sciences, Dean's Advisory Council -Fanshawe College, School of Language and Liberal Studies, Chair's Advisory Council -Fanshawe College, Social Science Forum**

Interpersonal: **I do it for a living!**

Interview interest: **Yes**