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Committee: **LONDON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Name: **Noha Abdo**

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Day telephone:

Residence telephone:

Occupation: **Volunteer Coordinator, Chelsey Park Retirement Community**

Work experience: **My role as Volunteer Coordinator is to direct, manage and supervise over 200 active volunteers. I manage a very diverse group of volunteers and conduct all training as well as recruiting. I work extensively with different community partners from the University, high schools as well as different organizations around London. I also organize fund-raising activities to sustain ongoing projects as well as recognition events for volunteers. In addition, I also take a large marketing role within the company which involves touring the facility to potential clients.**

Education: **At the University of Western Ontario, I earned an honours double degree in Community Development and Family Studies.**

Skills: **My skill-set is uniquely designed to function in the nonprofit sector. At the University of Western Ontario, I worked extensively within the university community while earning a double degree in Community Development and Family Studies. Leadership has become a skill that I have gained throughout my four years of experience on Brescia University College's student council as well as leadership roles during Westerns campus wide orientation week. During these experiences, I have gained many skills such as fundraising, event planning and the value of the collective group. These experiences have nurtured my understanding of the importance of community building. My current role as volunteer coordinator has given me the opportunity to work with a diverse population. Working with volunteers has given me the skills to positively advocate for different groups within my organization.**

Interest reason: **Community is a powerful word: It gives life to what would be just a collection of human beings. In London, advisory groups allow the community to achieve vibrancy in leadership, advocacy and personal development. I would like to be a part of this group because I believe in community growth and development and know that my earned skills can further London's community goals for the future. I believe that my vast volunteer experience as well as my current role would be a great asset of the City of London. I am a passionate, diverse young woman and I believe my experience would lend a positive hand to this committee.**

Contributions: **My cultural background gives me a distinct perspective on cultural diversity. My parents were born in Lebanon and I grew up within a colourful and energetic community. I understand the needs of ethnic communities and the ways they function within greater London. I am a part of the Muslim Association of Canada (MAC) and believe that I can bring a fresh perspective on issues relating to diversity.**

Past contributions: **I have volunteered my time to many charities and organizations. During my undergraduate degree at Brescia University College, I organized the 6th, 7th and 8th Annual Ramadan Dinners which raised money for Breast Cancer Research while educating students about Islam. Throughout my summers in university, I helped organize activities for first year students entering Brescia and ran events throughout orientation week. In addition, I have also canvassed on behalf of the Diabetes Association and Cancer Society. Throughout my volunteer experience I have gained numerous organizational and leadership skills. Currently, I play an active role in the London and Area Volunteer Association (LAVA). This organization focuses on raising awareness about volunteerism and has given me the skills and resources to positively advocate for volunteers. As well, I serve on several different committees promoting youth involvement in the community for the Muslim Association of Canada (MAC).**

Interpersonal: **My current roles as well as my vast volunteer experience have given me the skills and knowledge to work with different groups of people. Having the opportunity to serve on several volunteer committees has given me the confidence to voice my opinions and advocate for those in need. My diverse volunteer and work background has given me many opportunities to work with volunteers of all ages and races. I believe the skills that I have acquired would make me a great candidate for this position.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: **Library Board**

Name: **Allison Carnegie**

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**25 Southland Drive
London, Ontario**

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Residence telephone:

Occupation: **Area Manager with General Dynamics**

Work experience: **Employed with General Dynamics for 13 years in varying degrees of responsibility. Have been an Area Manager since 2003 in areas such as Field Service, Production, Program, Support Services, Process Engineering**

Education: **Graduate of Fanshawe College (Manufacturing Engineering Technology and a recent graduate from Athabasca University with a degree in Human Resources and Labour Relations**

Skills: **Motivated, energetic, and a commitment to get things done.**

Interest reason: **I have always been passionate about Public Libraries and the services that so many Londoners don't take advantage of.**

Contributions: **A fresh set of eyes, unbiased views.**

Past contributions: **Recently appointed to the Board of Directors for Mission Services as this is a first similar level of contribution.**

Interpersonal: **Having worked and managed employees in a very diverse environment, it has become second hand skill that is necessary to adapt to an ever changing environment.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: London Public Library Board

Name: **Stuart Clark**

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Day telephone:

Residence telephone:

Occupation: **Systems Consultant**

Work experience: **23+ Years in IT infrastructure with a focus on backup and disaster recovery.**

Education: **3 year college degree in Programming, Continuing education course in various facets of IT industry skill sets.**

Skills: **Knowledge of IT and information systems, passion for furthering transparency in the changing role of libraries in our communities. I was also involved in the retail side of the publishing industry for several years.**

Interest reason: **I have always had an interest in the LPL from a very early time when learning to read to using it's resources while in school. I want to in help insure this function continues in our community.**

Contributions: **Knowledge of IT systems and community engagement.**

Past contributions: **I currently serve as an officer of the corporation in a non-profit that has similar goals for community engagement.**

Interpersonal: **I have participated in many community events and organizations involving dialog and exchange of ideas. These have included casual groups for one-time events all the way up to formal organizations. Open respectful dialog between people is one of the most important values I strive for on a daily basis.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: London Public Library Board of Trustees

Name: **Mark Daignault**

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Residence telephone:

Occupation: **Associate Director Bell Canada**

Work experience: **I have held several leadership roles with Bell Canada for the past 12 years. My current position is within a Workforce Management capacity for Business Data Provisioning in Field Services. Accountable to deliver strategic business planning tactics, manage financial budget, performance and resource management, as well as forecasting and capacity planning. I'm responsible for supporting a workforce of over 200 union employees to ensure the appropriate number of resources are available to meet the forecasted customer demand. Lead change transformation initiatives to expand our workforce model to other teams and build a high performing team through coaching and motivational techniques.**

Education: **I graduated from the University of Windsor with Honors Business Administration in 1999 and completed the 2 year Executive MBA program in 2010 while working full time and growing my family. Also completed Computer Science Technology program from St.Clair College in 2000. I am currently working toward completing the Professional Certificate in Leadership from the University of Western.**

Skills: **I have a solid understanding of key principles of business and financial management; well versed in strategic planning, workforce management and complex problem solving. I enjoy developing cooperative and motivated teams that work together to accomplish common goals. My leadership skills have been well developed through the building of high performance teams using coaching and change management tactics.**

Interest reason: **I moved to London 13 years ago from Windsor and instantly felt like it was home. I have enjoyed great success in London, both professionally and personally. As a leader for Bell and more importantly a husband and father of 2 young girls, I welcome the opportunity to serve my community to continue to make London a great place to live.**

Contributions: **I bring to the table a very well rounded background from community involvement, work and personal experience. I enjoy collecting data from multiple sources and a variety of opinions from others so that along with my own beliefs, can help formulate ideas and recommendations.**

Past contributions: **I have served on many committees with Bell that allowed me the opportunity to develop my skills in the areas of problem identification and resolution. Specifically I worked on a continuous improvement initiative that resulted in a significant financial savings by identifying a recurring problem and putting processes in place to improve. I also served as lead chair of the Bell Walk for Kids Help Phone in London for 2 years. As part of my role I lead several different committees to ensure high fundraising and a successful family oriented event.**

Interpersonal: **I deal with exchanging views with others on a daily basis. I work in an extremely fast paced and competitive environment. Working with both union members and stakeholders I need to ensure all parties are involved and have an opportunity to express their opinion while ensuring an appropriate outcome for the business as well as the needs of the employees.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Name: Eys Shirley A.

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Residence telephone:

Occupation: **Retired teacher**

Work experience: **Teacher, Head of Guidance Vice Principal, Secondary- Regina Mundi College and St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School**

Education: **Ottawa Teachers' College B.A. University of Ottawa M.A. St. Francis University, Antigonish Nova Scotia**

Skills: **During my career, I have worked with students, staff and parents in many capacities; served on various committees, including the Peer counselling Committee and in volunteer work in my Church. I am an avid user of the public Library but have no knowledge of how the board works, but am very interested in learning**

Interest reason: **I have lived in London for 40 years, and wish to give back to our community.**

As a library patron, I want to make sure the system stays important to all our citizens

Contributions: **My background in education/my interest in volunteering and a willingness to learn. I see a need for Senior citizens to have input into what happens within the library system**

Past contributions: **I was a Vice-Principal for several years and was Secretary, then President of The Principal/Vice-Principals' Assn of the London-Middlesex Catholic Board and served on several committees within the system and region I served on The Board of the Peer Counsellors' Assn also. I was also Chair of our Parish Council and a member of that Council for 9 years following my retirement**

Interpersonal: **As stated above, with my former experiences and as a parent and Grandparent I believe I could be an asset to this Board**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: London Public Library Board of Trustees

Name: **Brian Gibson**

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Occupation: **Computer drafting technician**

Work experience: **Since graduating from college, I have worked for London Hydro under contract as a computer drafting technician in the engineering department, and performed work as needed for several departments. Since then, I've started a personal business as a computer drafting technician performing drafting work for public utilities across the province.**

Education: **I have a bachelor of applied arts degree from Fanshawe College London in Integrated Land Planning Technology. My education is in a multi-disciplinary field, teaching the fundamentals of the planning profession as well as CAD and GIS technology as it applies to the field. As well, I was educated in the fields of civil engineering, horticulture and landscape architecture.**

Skills: **I hope to bring a combination of computer, research, recording, writing and people skills to the Board, as well as my curiosity, love of books, and unique education. I am excellent at research as well as communicating my thoughts verbally, visually and in writing, and enjoy communicating and working with others. I also bring geospatial and technological knowledge of the city that could assist in endeavours such as planning events to ensure that the maximum numbers of citizens are able to participate.**

Interest reason: **I am interested in serving on the board of trustees as I am a lifelong advocate and believer in the public library system. My mother was a librarian in my hometown, and as I spent a great deal of time there, I grew up with a healthy appreciation of reading, literacy, creative writing and the library system. I'm an avid reader and perpetually curious about new innovations and technologies. I'm very interested in the continued role the library has to play in the digital age, and would be dedicated to both continuing to advocate for the library in my role on the board, and working to find creative methods to keep the library as relevant and accessible to the public as possible.**

Contributions: **My planning experience taught me the important of visionary, "big idea" thinking, and helped me realize potential for creative solutions. As the library system faces the challenges of being relevant in the information age, I'm excited to work with others to help our library system remain at the cutting edge. I've observed as a patron how the London Public Library system has faced this challenge admirably by blending traditional bricks-and-mortar service with a digital presence; it is my hope that I can be part of this continued change as a member of the board of trustees. I am also very interested in public participation and citizen engagement in the political process and connecting with their public services, I hope that as a member of this board I could encourage education and discussion about the library, and help citizen input shape the library's future. I am very committed to bringing my ideas and expertise as well as time and enthusiasm to this board.**

Past contributions: **I was recently accepted to the Board of Directors for the London West Federal Liberal Association, and am excited to participate in the community in this capacity.**

Interpersonal: **In high school, I participated in the semester-long Bronte Creek Project, a leadership program which taught communication skills, how to respectfully and creatively share ideas and produce concrete strategies and solutions to problems. Since coming to London, I have participated in many citizen engagement projects and initiatives, including the City Symposium presentations kindly hosted by the Public Library at the Wolfe Performance Hall, and Ignite London. At these events, I've met with many different Londoners and discussed with them on a wide variety of topics, sharing my thoughts as well as learning from them. I've also been present to public participation meetings held by City Council to engage with the city and speak about specific issues. I recently spoke at the public participation meeting receiving citizen input on the proposed nuisance by-law amendments stemming from the unfortunate events that happened on Fleming Drive. As**

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well, I will be volunteering as a facilitator at the April 28 Change Camp event happening at Museum London, to help foster community engagement, problem solving and respectful dialogue.

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Name: **German Gutierrez**

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Occupation: **College Professor**

Work experience: **I am currently a professor at Fanshawe College, where I have held a position since 2005. Prior to that I was a teacher of English as a Second Language and worked with the Linc program for newcomers and at the Wheable Center for Adult Education. Before coming to Canada I was the CEO and managing partner of Aquarius Communications, a company providing talent, copy and design of strategic marketing and audiovisual communication pieces for Radio and Television. In the Late 90's I owned and operated "Manejo de Imagen Ltda" , a Media Company providing consulting services and image solutions for commercial and political campaigns. In the course of an intense social and political dedication in Latin America, the United States and Canada I have been a member of the following organizations and Boards of Directors: Trust Committee of the Colombian Banking Association (1978-1979) The Colombian School of Translators (1980-1982) Youths of the U.N.O. (1984-1987), an International NGO, as Director for Latin America and the Caribbean. The Board of Metro Bogotá District Institute for the Protection of Children (Idipron), Colombia in representation of City Council of Bogotá (1988-1990) The Colombian Association of Broadcasters (1985-2003) Screen Actors Guild (SAG) (2001-2003) American Federation of Television and Radio Artists (AFTRA) (2002-2003) International Press Associates, Miami, FL (2000-2003) Council President, LULAC (League of United Latin-American Citizens, USA) Board of Directors, Wil-Employment Connections, London, ON. (2005-2008) At present I am an active member of the London and Middlesex local immigration partnership council and I Chair the sub council on Inclusion and Civic Engagement of this organization.**

Education: **I have a degree in Social Communications from Tadeo Lozano University of Bogota and a Majors in Journalism. I have a degree as a Spanish/English and English/Spanish Translator and Interpreter from the Colombian Ministry of Education and a corresponding Certificate from the Colombian Ministry of Justice. I have a valid Teachers of English as a Second Language license from TESL Ontario**

Skills: **I am totally fluent in Spanish and have a strong connection with the leaders and organizations of the different Latin American nations that have settled in the City. I have strong ties with top notch entrepreneurs and managers of key industries as well as with key political personalities in Ecuador and Colombia. Having worked as the director for the trust division of a Bank for several years, I was exposed to several business models developed between the City of Bogota and different international investors and stakeholders. These models are still operative and successful and represent strategies that can be duplicated with slight modifications in our City.**

Interest reason: **London has received many people from several different countries. Our wonderful library organization is a key centre of gathering, of learning and of access to many sources of help and counselling for settlement and civic engagement. We need to preserve the strengths of our Library System and put them to good use as we work to promote greater inclusion and stronger engagement of Londoners in the affairs of their community. Our Library is a key organization that makes a consistent presence at all levels and it should be able to address many specific issues of each Ward and neighbourhood in London with its services. The Library is the only one of London's bodies that can encompass Learning, Culture, Leisure, Personalized Attention and Orientation in one place. This will be key as the City grows and becomes more International.**

Contributions: **The London Library has the potential to become a key centre of information and business training for London. I think the time has come to help London take advantage of all its potential to become a dynamic international venue of opportunity for local entrepreneurs and business organizations from Latin America, Europe and Asia. The key to the City's growth and a strengthened future in these times of economic weakness is a**

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new vision of London's potential business partners and investors. In the course of many years working with and for several multinational companies and governments I have made the necessary connections and achieved the knowledge required to help promote a new image for our great City, in tune with this new administration's vision of our future.

Past contributions: Received Certificate of Recognition from the Province of Ontario for work done in support of newcomers. Presented by the Honourable Mike Colle, Minister Citizenship and Immigration, Oct 14, 2006 Received Recognition from the Province of Ontario for dedicated volunteerism at the Wheable Centre for Adult Education. Presented by Dr. Khalil Ramal, MPP London- Fanshawe 2004 Past Member of the Board of Metro Bogotá District Institute for the Protection of Children (Idipron), Colombia in representation of City Council of Bogotá (1988-1990) Received Distinction from the Governor of the Department of Valle for services rendered to the City of Cali while at the service of Youths of the U.N.O.

Interpersonal: I have a lengthy experience in the practice of dialogue and the handling of controversy and debate at all levels, from the classroom to the political scenario. I have had extensive experience with and exposure to groups and situations where respect for others and an unbiased and fair contemplation of people's skills, knowledge and abilities were the key to successful completion of tasks and accomplishment of goals.

Interview interest: Yes

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Committee: London Public Library Board

Name: **Brandon Lawrence**

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Residence telephone:

Occupation: **Highschool Teacher - Thames Valley DSB**

Work experience: **Certified teacher for 8 years at Clarke Road SS in London. Business Studies Department Head, Acting Co-operative Education Department Head, DECA Coordinator, Swim Team Head Coach Business English Teacher - Jilin University, China Business Instructor - Fanshawe College Rental Sales Representative - Penske Truck Leasing and Rental**

Education: **Ivey Business School - UWO - (HBA 1999) OISE- University of Toronto - (B.Ed. 2003)**

Skills: **I have had extensive teaching experience as a Business Instructor at Jilin University in China, Fanshawe College in London, and during my full-time contract position at Clarke Road Secondary School the past eight years upon my graduation from OISE in 2003. Each of these opportunities allowed me to develop key methods to promote student achievement and success. By creating a supportive and caring environment, students in my classes were motivated and empowered to exceed their own personal expectations.**

Maintaining and upholding the values and principals of an equitable work environment are intrinsic in my work ethic. My positive attitude and progressive, optimistic vision is reflective of my commitment to ensure that every student has opportunities to succeed. As a lifelong learner, I take priority in accepting new challenges and responsibilities. I am dedicated to ensuring that I maintain my adaptability to continue to meet the needs of today's learners. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to contribute to the development of your organization.

Interest reason: **I feel a vibrant and developing library is an amazing and truly important resource for London. As a new father of twins, I am looking to their future needs in London and wish to become involved in an organization that I feel can and should have a real and positive impact on their lives.**

Contributions: **My professional employment experiences and Honours Business Administration degree through the Richard Ivey School of Business, University of Western Ontario, has provided me with a wealth of "real world" and academic knowledge. My strong background in computers and technology enhances my capability of looking at future trends and demands in various demographic cohorts. I am pragmatic and passionate. I have strong beliefs and feel I can help define a vision for The London Public Library in the years ahead.**

Past contributions: **I have served on several committees both at a school and board level. I have been a member of groups charged with planning, organizing and leading various professional development sessions and conferences both in and out of school.**

Interpersonal: **My successes and accomplishments as a National, Provincial and Varsity level athlete, coach and official have given me the opportunity to develop superlative teamwork skills. I strive to represent and model the benefits of leading a life-style driven by the pursuit of personal excellence both in and out of the classroom. I believe that through encouragement and motivation, students can acquire knowledge and develop critical and creative thinking skills and values that allow them to realize their potential and contribute positively to their community. I endeavour to exemplify the importance of team success and spirit by demonstrating and fostering effective leadership qualities and interpersonal skills.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: **London Public Library Board**

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Occupation: **Researcher**

Work experience: **Researcher/ Marketing Engineer Consultant / Information Technology Specialist 2002-2009 Western Ontario University and Technical University of Timisoara, Romania 1999-2001 Ontario Research Center for Computer Algebra, London, ON, Canada 1998-1999 Telegroup Inc., a subsidiary of Primus Telecommunication, Fairfield, IA, USA**

Education: **I have a PhD. and I am a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, London, ON, Canada, and several others European Universities of Social Sciences, Macroeconomics, Information Technologies, Business, and Economic Planning. During my eighteen years employment, I have gained good experience in Governing Policies regarding the Economic and Business Development, Strategies and Integration. My European and North American Universities experiences give me good knowledge of socio-economic integration and governing of the Library. All my necessary information to conduct my researching and PhD and University studies and researching I received working, visiting and collaborating with libraries around the world and especially London Library.**

Skills: **Excellent management and organizational skills, commitment to integrity, and responsibility • Good team player, equally effective in self-managed projects, mature judgments • Commitment, quick-learning, persistence, logical thinking, researching, systematizing, teaching • Multilingual Canadian citizen (English, French, German, Italian, Russian, Romanian)**

Interest reason: **My extensive knowledge of processing information and manage a large library give me a necessary skills to be active part of the Board.**

Contributions: **I already spent half of my live in Universities learning, teaching, researching, managing and promoting high level of governing that give me a necessary experience to be part of this body. And for me libraries were the instruments and tools to do my work.**

Past contributions: **Creating and manage a new university in Romania including a library supporting the university give me experience and skills to be part of Board of Directors.**

Interpersonal: **I also run for London 2010 City Hall local election for French Public School Trustee and that gave me the ability in respecting and appreciating the skills and knowledge of others.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: **London Public Library Board of Trustees**

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Residence telephone:

Occupation: **Lawyer**

Work experience: Following a successful career in business, government and the non-profit sector, I decided to go back to school and pursue my law degree. My practice areas include Municipal and Residential Tenancies law, board and tribunal advocacy, personal injury litigation, Education Law and Accessibility Law.

Education: **See c.v.**

Skills: Background in advertising, public relations, special events; legal education; experienced volunteer assuming positions of responsibility on many non-profit Boards; excellent communication and networking skills

Interest reason: Avid reader and the library is really the hub of any community - it is constantly changing to reflect the needs of the community and I would love to be part of that!

Contributions: With my specialized disability and accessibility knowledge, I would like to act as a resource to the library

Past contributions: **See c.v.**

Interpersonal: As a lawyer, we are highly trained to listen to all views before formulating a strategy that will ensure a successful outcome. As a long-time volunteer, I have learned over time how to build consensus and utilize the strengths of many volunteers to ensure the success of a non-profit

Interview interest: **Yes**

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LORIN J. MACDONALD

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Results-driven, highly energetic and innovative lawyer with the added value of 20+ years of disability advocacy experience. Interested in the provision of Personal Legal Services (Family Law, Personal Injury (Plaintiff), Medical Malpractice, Wills & Estates, and Employment Law) in addition to Human Rights Law.

An articulate and persuasive communicator adept at brokering strong partnerships and building mutually beneficial relationships with key stakeholders and decision-makers.

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

ACCESSIBILITY ADVOCACY	Organizer of a fully accessible conference directly linked to the introduction of the <i>Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)</i> . A recognized leader in cross-disability awareness and advocacy in Ontario.
PROJECT MANAGEMENT	Skilled in handling complex projects, i.e., conferences, special events, and fundraisers for not-for-profits. As the Owner/Operator of an Office Services company with many concurrent projects, able to perform well under pressure and resolve challenges creatively with a positive attitude.
PROGRAM DESIGN & PUBLIC RELATIONS	Proficient in tailoring educational programs to meet the needs of a target audience. Experience in Advertising, Public Relations, and Special Events Co-ordination. An effective and engaging public speaker and ambassador for not-for-profit organizations and employers.
LEGAL SKILLS & KNOWLEDGE	Actively initiate ongoing personal training in various areas of law, particularly Human Rights Law. Exceptional internet research capabilities. Experience drafting a range of Civil Litigation documents and research memos. Confidence attending to all Court matters.
LEADERSHIP EXPERTISE	Leadership roles as Executive Director, Chair or Vice-Chair of several not-for-profit disability organizations. Honoured by the Government of Ontario through the receipt of three Public Appointments.

EDUCATION

CALL TO THE BAR	Law Society of Upper Canada, Toronto, ON	2010
JURIS DOCTOR	Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario, London, ON	2009
B.A., SOCIOLOGY	University of Western Ontario, London, ON (granted early entry to Law School)	2004
AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE LEVELS I-IV	Canadian Hearing Society, Toronto, ON	1988-89

AWARDS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

PRESENTATIONS

- **"The (Mis)Representation of Women in the Media"** - Panelist, International Women's Day Forum, Law Society of Upper Canada (March 7, 2012)
- **"Building an Accessible Ontario"** – Panel Moderator, Roadmap: 2030 Citizen Engagement Conference, Toronto, ON (October 26, 2011)
- **"Disclosure in the Educational Context"** – Workshop, the City of London's 17th Annual Empowerment & Action Day Conference (October 19, 2011)
- **"Assistive Technology in Law School and The Courts"** – Address to the City of London's 16th Annual Empowerment & Action Day Conference (October 20, 2010)
- **"The Registered Disability Savings Plan: Why It Is Good For Women"** – Seminar, Ontario Bar Association (October 21, 2010)
- **"Access to Education"** – Canadian Hard of Hearing Association National Conference, Charlottetown, PEI (June 3, 2006)

PUBLICATIONS

- **"Accessibility in the Courts."** Ontario Lawyers Gazette (Law Society of Upper Canada) April 2010: 18-19.
- **"The John Sopinka Courthouse – The Process To Barrier-Free."** HLA Journal (The Hamilton Law Association) February 2010: 24-26.
- **"Accessibility and the Courts – The Vision of a Barrier-Free Court System."** Briefly Speaking (Ontario Bar Association) December 2009: 27.

AWARDS

- **Mary Warner Prize in Human Rights**, Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario (2007)
- **Leading Women Building Communities Award** – Honoured by the Provincial Minister Responsible for Women's Issues (2006)
- **The Frank Algar Memorial Scholarship** – Honoured by the Canadian Hard of Hearing Association (2006)
- **Disability Advancement Award** – Honoured by Student Council, University of Western Ontario (2006)
- **City of London Mayor's New Year's Honour List** (2006)
- **London Council for Adult Education Adult Lifelong Learner Award** (2005)

COMPETITIONS

- **Alternate, Cherniak Cup Trial Advocacy Competition**, Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario (Top 10 of 99 competitors; 2007)
- **Finalist, Cherniak Cup Trial Advocacy Competition**, Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario (2006)

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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

ASSOCIATE LAWYER	COHEN HIGHLEY LLP, London, ON	2012 - Present
ARTICLING STUDENT	The Morris Law Group, Hamilton, ON	2009-2010
RESEARCH ASSISTANT	Prof. Dale Ives, Faculty of Law, University of Western Ontario, London, ON	Summer 2007
FORUM ORGANIZER	Still Waiting: A Forum for Moving Ahead (How to Strengthen the <i>Ontarians with Disabilities Act</i>), London, ON	Summer 2004
OWNER/OPERATOR	The Printed Word, Port Dover, ON	1995-2000
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	The Barrier-Free Design Centre, Toronto, ON	1994-1995

VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

- ONTARIO BAR ASSOCIATION, COURTS ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WORKING GROUP,** Member (2011- Present)
- ROADMAP: 2030,** Advisory Council Member (2011-Present) – an annual two-day event on building active citizenship by engaging visible minority, Aboriginal and disability communities
- ONTARIO BAR ASSOCIATION, EQUALITY COMMITTEE,** Member (2011-Present)
- ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS ADVISORY COUNCIL,** Member (2011-Present) – Public Appointment by the Ontario Ministry of Community & Social Services
- ONTARIO BAR ASSOCIATION, FEMINIST LEGAL ANALYSIS SECTION,** Member (2009-Present)
- POSTSECONDARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DISABILITY ISSUES,** Member (2005-2008) – Public Appointment by the Ontario Ministry of Training, Colleges & Universities
- CUSTOMER SERVICE STANDARDS DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE,** Member (2005-2007) – Public Appointment by the Ontario Ministry of Community & Social Services
- DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS COMMITTEE, FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO** – Member (2005-2006), Chair (2006-2007)
- WESTERN'S ONTARIANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT COMMITTEE, UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO,** Member (2005-2007)
- MATURE STUDENTS CLUB, FACULTY OF LAW, UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO** – Member (2004-2006), Vice-Chair (2006-2007)
- CANADIAN HEARING SOCIETY (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BOARD, LONDON REGION),** Chair (2001-2004)
- CANADIAN HARD OF HEARING ASSOCIATION (PROVINCIAL BOARD),** Member-at-Large (2001-2004)
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL, BRIEF PSYCHOTHERAPY CENTRE FOR WOMEN – COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – Chair (1994), Past-Chair (1995)
- WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOSPITAL, SEXUAL ASSAULT CARE CENTRE – COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE,** Member (1994-1995)
- NATIONAL ACCESS AWARENESS WEEK PROVINCIAL CHAIR** (1994)
- CANADIAN HEARING SOCIETY (TORONTO BOARD),** Member-at-Large (1990-1993); **(PROVINCIAL BOARD)** – Director (1990-1999), Vice-President (1999-2001)

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MEMBERSHIPS

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Canadian Hard of Hearing Association
Canadian Hearing Society
Christian Legal Fellowship
Equal Voice
Ontario Trial Lawyers Association
South-West Region Women's Law Association
The Advocates' Society
The Osgoode Society for Canadian Legal History
Women's Law Association of Ontario
Women's Legal Education and Action Fund (LEAF)

PERSONAL INTERESTS

Enthusiastic reader of autobiographies and legal fiction;
collector of Irish pottery; interest in architecture and home décor

Committee: London Public Library Board Trustee

Name: Linda Mills

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Occupation: Secondary School Principal

Work experience: I have been a secondary school principal with the Thames Valley District School Board for 8 years and a vice-principal for 6 years. Prior to entering school administration, I was a secondary school teacher-librarian from 1990 to 1998.

Education: I have a Master of Library and Information Science from UWO, a Bachelor of Education from Queen's University and a Bachelor of Arts from York University. I have additional teaching qualifications that qualify me to be a school administrator.

Skills: In my role as school administrator, I am in charge of the budget for the school. This has given me experience in fiscal planning and monitoring. As schools are subject to public accounting principles and requirements, I have experience working within these parameters. I am also responsible for developing, in conjunction with other members of the school community, the vision, mission and strategic goals for the school. I analyse school and student data to monitor the school's progress towards its goals and to make revisions as necessary. I work extensively with committees comprised of members of the school community. In some cases, these committees include students, parents and other community members. I have also served on many committees at the board level and am currently a member of the executive of the local Ontario Principals' Council branch. I have had extensive experience in interviewing and hiring teachers and support staff at a number of locations. I believe that all of these demonstrated competencies make me an excellent candidate for this position.

Interest reason: I am passionately interested in libraries. Some of my earliest memories are of spending time in the old library in St. Thomas, the city where I grew up. When my children were small, we were weekly visitors to the library and I continue to be a regular user of my local library, the Landon branch. I believe that libraries are an essential component of a vibrant community and I would like to do what I can to see that the London Public Library is able to continue to provide excellent services to the people of London. In this time of rapid change to the ways that people access information, it is vitally important that libraries maintain their relevance by adapting to new technologies and new demands.

Contributions: I bring many relevant professional skills as outlined in the section on my skills and abilities. I also bring a lifelong love of libraries and reading. The school that I work at now has a large number of students who struggle with reading and do not have access to books in their homes. At a previous school, I had a large population of immigrant students who also did not have access to books, at least in English, in their homes. I think that my background in education will be an important contribution to the board, as I have personal experience working with families who really need the public library system to provide them with resources and opportunities that they would not otherwise have.

Past contributions: I have served on many committees and organizational bodies through my work as a school administrator. I have not been a board member for any public or charitable organizations. I have reached a point in my personal life and my professional career when I feel that I have the time and energy to make a greater contribution to the community and I would like the opportunity to do this with the London Public Library.

Interpersonal: I have had extensive experience working with other people who have differing views and opinions. A large part of the role of principal involves finding solutions to issues involving people who disagree - students, parents, teachers, community members. I have been very successful in listening to the disparate viewpoints of others and collaborating to develop positive solutions to problems. I will bring this experience to the role of trustee. I am very excited about this opportunity and would be happy to answer any further questions you may have.

Interview interest: Yes

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Committee: LONDON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Name: Chris Moss

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Occupation: **Manager, Social Enterprise**

Work experience: **20 years of Nonprofit work experience 14 years of leadership roles currently consultant with nonprofits experience as a board member on three boards currently VP of nonprofit housing board**

Education: **Masters Degree in Leadership specializing in nonprofit management and community change.**

Skills: **community focused leader honest, integrity connections & resources strategic thinking**

Interest reason: **the library is an extremely important part of our community and can be a hub for engagement, learning and connecting for everyone in London**

Contributions: **community focused leader honest, integrity connections & resources strategic thinking**

Past contributions: **community focused leader honest, integrity connections & resources strategic thinking**

Interpersonal: **as a trained coach and facilitator I am very competent running and participating in meetings, working in collaborations, team building and above all listening. I have strong communication skills both orally and written.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: **London Public Library Board of Trustees**

Name: **Maciej Piekosz**

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Residence telephone:

Occupation: **Lawyer**

Work experience: **Currently I am employed as a lawyer at the law firm of Siskinds LLP, working primarily in plaintiff personal injury law. I have represented clients at civil and criminal trials, at the Ontario Disability Support Program Board, before the Canada Pension Plan tribunal, and before the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board. As a primarily plaintiff personal injury lawyer, I work personally with individuals from all social and economic backgrounds. Prior to working at Siskinds LLP, I was employed at Community Legal Services, the student run legal-aid clinic at Western Law School. There I helped individuals without the resources to hire a lawyer resolve a variety of legal matters, including criminal charges, landlord and tenant issues, and civil disputes. Prior to law school and Community Legal Services, I had been employed and working hard since I was 16, which allowed me to gain a wide and varied work experience. My many previous jobs have been in a number of industries including; retail, the food service industry, landscaping, sales and call centres, data entry, and shifts at a feed mill.**

Education: **Honours Bachelor of Arts in History from the University of Western Ontario Bachelor of Laws from the University of Western Ontario Barrister and Solicitor duly licensed to practice law in the Province of Ontario. Member in good standing at The Law Society of Upper Canada**

Skills: **I consider myself a team player who knows how to come to a practical solution to a problem. I work towards objectively analyzing an issue, and try to consider multiple suggestions and proposals before arriving at the best course of action. Throughout my education I have taken practical courses and received training in dispute resolution and collaborative problem solving. Additionally, and less formally, I know what it is like to be an immigrant to Canada and empathize easily with newcomers. I was 6 years old when my family moved to London from Poland, and learned quickly to adapt to life in Canada. However, helping my parents adjust to life in a new country has been a lifelong process. I am fluent in Polish.**

Interest reason: **First, I have a love of books and reading. Second, I have always maintained a keen interest in the City of London and have a great deal of civic pride in where I live and where I grew up. The public library system is a great resource for all members of our community, in particular young people and newcomers to Canada. It gives individuals a safe and welcoming place to meet, study, and learn. It is one of the few places that adds nothing but positives to our community. I recall that the Sherwood Branch was one of the first places my parents ever took me to when my family moved to Canada. I remember getting my library card and receiving English as a second language tutoring. Finally, I have for years made use of library resources. In addition to signing out books and movies, while at school I spent a great deal of time studying at London public libraries and making use of the complimentary wi-fi access. I have also often used the library chess boards and pieces. The library has always been good to me and I would like to give back.**

Contributions: **My time and effort. I think I can bring a high level of enthusiasm to the organization and help promote it within my peer group and within my professional community.**

Past contributions: **In the past have volunteered and worked for charitable and non-profit organizations including the Terry Fox Run and for Cystic Fibrosis Canada, raising money and awareness. Worked at Community Legal Services at the University of Western Ontario. Volunteered my time at WOTCH Community Mental Health Services.**

Volunteered my time at the London Food Bank. Volunteered with London Lawyers Feed the Hungry. Volunteered for the London Public Library as a one-on-one English Language Mentor as well as volunteering at and promoting the Books 2 Eat program.

Interpersonal: **My career requires me to exchange my views with others on a daily basis. In**

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order to be successful, I must be able to exchange my views with others with an appreciation of the skill, ability, and knowledge, of my counterpart. In order to fulfill my professional obligation to provide competent advice, I must explain legal concepts and realities to individuals on a daily basis. In any given week, I will interact with clients who have no formal education to clients who are professional and sophisticated. Each conversation is different, but each conversation must allow the client to make informed decisions. Beyond clients, I speak with doctors, psychologists, occupational therapists, insurance adjusters, opposing counsel, witnesses, police officers, and other individuals about specific parts of any given personal injury file. Each person is integral to an overall case, but each person has different skills, abilities, and knowledge, which must be considered in order to effectively communicate and exchange information. Furthermore, when making submissions before the court, a tribunal, or a Board, I must present my client's position in a reasonable manner that is easy to comprehend. I must also be able to understand opposing counsel's arguments and analyze the strengths and weaknesses of both of our positions.

Interview interest: Yes

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Committee: London Public Library Board of Trustees

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Occupation: Lawyer

Work experience: I articulated in London and following my call to the bar I worked on a contract basis for a local full service law firm.

Education: I obtained my Juris Doctor from the University of Windsor and am a member in good standing of the Law Society of Upper Canada. Prior to my legal studies, I obtained an Honours Bachelor of Arts degree from Wilfrid Laurier University, majoring in English and minoring in Political Science and Global Studies.

Skills: My time as a lawyer has helped to develop my active listening skills and ability to mediate between competing parties and interests. My ability to narrow the issues and formulate mutually beneficial compromises during discussion and debate would be an asset to this body. I have developed strong leadership and problem solving skills during my time spent leading teams of volunteers in developing nations with a non-government organization. I lead by example and always maintain an open mind to new ideas and experiences, which is essential when working with others towards a common goal.

Interest reason: I am interested in serving the community on this Board for several reasons. I have a strong conviction that the public library and the services it provides are essential to the well-being of all Londoners and the City's many neighbourhoods. I would like to help ensure that the programs and services that people receive through their public libraries are the best that they can be and that they provide opportunities for Londoners to thrive. A public library represents a hub of positive experiences and community-mindedness and I would like to help in building community pride in our public libraries. I have always had a passion for reading and the power of the written word and I have always been an advocate of the public library's role in the community. Working with the other members of the Board, I look forward to building community capacity and providing comprehensive, effective and efficient public library service. If given the chance to serve on this Board I would devote my expertise, experience and commitment to the duties and responsibilities of the Board.

Contributions: I am able to think in broad, future-oriented terms while always remaining firmly grounded in the realities that surround attaining the desired visions. I know that I would actively participate in discussion and deliberation during the monthly Board meetings and am confident that I would contribute to attaining the positive outcomes desired. My positive personality combined with my passion for community service and the time I am willing to put into this position make me an ideal candidate.

Past contributions:

Interpersonal: As a lawyer I am required to exchange views with clients, other lawyers and judges on a daily basis. In order to be successful in these exchanges it is necessary to appreciate and respect the skills, abilities and knowledge of all of the parties involved despite, at times, having differing opinions on various issues.

Interview interest: Yes

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Committee: **City Council appointment to the London Public Library Board of Trustees**

Name: **Amani Radhaa**

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Occupation: **Settlement Counsellor**

Work experience: **LONDON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Education:

Skills:

Interest reason:

Contributions:

Past contributions:

Interpersonal:

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: **LONDON PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Name: **Nadine Reeves**

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Occupation: **Administrative Assistant**

Work experience: **I have a strong background in customer service. For the last 9 years, I have worked at Childreach managing the office, supporting the Leadership Team and the Board of Directors, assisting with event planning, and leading their social media strategy as a tool to communicate and deliver programs. I represent Childreach at the Child & Youth Network's Ending Poverty Committee.**

Education: **I graduated on the President's Honour Roll from Fanshawe College in Office Administration in 2003. I am currently completing a Communications & Public Relations professional certificate through Continuing Studies at Western University.**

Skills: **I have excellent communication skills. I am a frequent user and advocate of London Public Library programs and services. It's no secret that I have my own hold shelf at the Westmount branch! Through my work at Childreach, I also have extensive knowledge of the City's social services.**

Interest reason: **It is a personal goal to become civically engaged and to take my knowledge and responsibility as a citizen to give back to my community. As a parent, I believe it is important to demonstrate to my children that we all have the capacity to be the change in the world that we want to see. The London Public Library has such a big role in our community and provides so much value to our City, and I would be honoured to serve on its Board of Trustees.**

Contributions: **I am committed to building a community that cares. I will show up for every meeting. I will prepare ahead by reading the meeting packages. I will ask questions to clarify and further my understanding of the issues. I will listen to my fellow committee members and consider their viewpoints and expertise. I will make recommendations and suggestions with much thought and research. I will act with integrity and respect.**

Past contributions: **For the past two years, I have served on the Woodland Heights P.S. Parent Council in an advisory position. I am also an active member of the London Homelessness Outreach Network. For World Homeless Day last year, I helped construct a cardboard condo in the parking lot of Museum London to raise awareness on housing issues. This year I will be part of the volunteer group that is going to maintain and develop the The Real Issue website in partnership with the City.**

Interpersonal: **A large part of my job is attending meetings, working on committees, and working as part of a team. I believe every individual brings to the table a unique perspective and set of skills. In my work in the community, I acknowledge that I am still learning, but I keep a positive attitude and am able to voice my views and concerns in a constructive way. I take time to process all information before very thoughtfully coming to a conclusion.**

Interview interest: **No**

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Committee: **London Public Board of Trustees**

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Occupation: **Articling Law Student, Cohen Highley LLP**

Work experience: **Summer Law Student at Cohen Highley for 2010 and 2011 - did research, draft pleadings and appeared before court. Constituency Assistant for Chris Bentley MPP from 2007-2009 - Handled constituency work and communications.**

Education: **2012 - Juris Doctor from university of Ottawa 2009 - Honours B.A. in Political Science, UWO**

Skills: **While on the Board of Governors at UWO we undertook a review of the Library system at UWO in order to increase the hours of operations for the students, particularly around exam period. I have also served on the Thames Valley District School Board, Board of Trustees and other community boards. I have a firm understanding of governance and budgeting from these positions. I also have a legal education that will assist in any negotiations or staffing concerns that may arise.**

Interest reason: **The London Public Library Board run one of the most important services that help the citizens of London. Our Libraries help educate our students, and assist job seekers who don't have access to computers. I would like to get more involved with this important service that helps assist our citizens.**

Contributions: **My legal background as well as my extensive board experience will help me make a positive contribution to this board. The Thames Valley School Board and University of Western Ontario are major public institutions that utilize the Library system in London and I can bring my knowledge and experience from those boards to assist this body. The Board will also be undergoing a couple years of budget constraints with limited budget increases and my board experience would assist in ensuring we have maximum coverage of services while staying within our confined budget.**

Past contributions: **As stated before, I have served on the UWO Board of Governors, UWO Senate, TVDSB Board of Trustees, London and Middlesex United Way and St. John's Ambulance Board. I served in these various capacities and made positive contributions wherever possible. Each of these experiences provided unique challenges, whether it was school closings, budget constraints, replacing senior administration etc.**

Interpersonal: **Throughout my volunteer and board experience I have exchanged views with colleagues that at times we did not agree on. I am a firm believer that ideas should be encouraged and debated fully so that the Board can know they have made the best decision and have considered all the different options. I believe it is important for a board to lay everything on the table and be able to walk away and support whatever decision the board makes at the end of the day. A board is very much a team that needs to work together to achieve their goals and this has been my approach when working with fellow Board Members.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: **London Public Library Board**

Name: **Eric Southern**

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Occupation: **Software Analyst at LHSC**

Work experience: **Designing, building, maintaining and deploying systems for the London Hospitals to help facilitate work-flow and increase quality of care. Requirements gathering, system testing, needs analysis, and other tasks associated with helping increase productivity and meet the needs of clients.**

Education: **Bachelor of Computer Science from the University of Windsor Bachelor of Engineering specializing in Software Engineering from the University of Western Ontario Currently enrolled in a Masters of Software Engineering at UWO**

Skills: **Systematic Problem Solving Situation Analysis Engineering background to bring quality and efficiency Understanding of future requirements of information flow**

Interest reason: **To help increase the quality of service to the people of London.**

Contributions: **I will bring a strong analytic mind to help facilitate an increase in the quality and ability of this body to meet the needs of the libraries and the community as a whole.**

Past contributions: **I have been a member of the LHSF committee for the Country Classic Auction and helped them to meet their needs and increase the quality of the event.**

Interpersonal: **My employment at LHSC requires that I work effectively in creating solutions to meet the needs of my clients. This requires that we exchange views and needs without failures in communication.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: London Public Library Board of Trustees

Name: **Gabrielle Sturm**

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Occupation: **Security Guard/Student, Fanshawe College-Sept 2011**

Work experience: **2008-Present, I am employed as a Security Guard for Securitas Canada, London Branch. My responsibilities include; writing detailed reports, public relations, access control and ensuring that the building and surrounding areas on various sites were secure. 2006-2008, I was employed as a Long Haul Truck Driver for New Way Transportation, Cambridge Ontario. I was entrusted with and 18 wheeler tractor trailer. I was expected to make punctual pick ups and deliveries of a wide range of merchandise across North America. My other responsibilities included; performing pre and post trip inspections, maintaining a daily driver's log book and complying with government regulations. 2006, I was employed as a School Van Monitor for Special Needs Children, for Stock Transportation, London Ontario. My responsibilities included; assisting children to get safely on and off the bus, ensuring rules and seating arrangement were followed, designing games and activities to calm children down and keep them seated for the duration of the ride. 2005, I was employed as a Regional Truck Driver for Doug Coleman Trucking, London Ontario. I was issued a tractor for the duration of my shift. I was expected to make punctual pick ups and deliveries and have the tractor back in the yard at the end of my twelve hour shift for the following shift. Other duties included; performing pre and post trip inspections, maintaining a daily driver's log book and complying with government regulations.**

Education: **O.S.S.D. Catholic Central High School 1991 Medical and General Lab Technician Southwestern Medix School 2000 ACZ Licence Ontario Truck Driving School 2005 Dog Training for Law Enforcement Granton Institute of Technology 2008 Police Foundations Fanshawe College Starting September 2011**

Skills: **I am a team player, who is goal oriented, loyal and has a great sense of humor. I am also a quick learner, very people oriented and enjoy challenges. I am computer literate, flexible and have excellent organizational skills. I am very competent in public relations and customer service and have great communication skills.**

Interest reason: **I am interested in serving on this board because I feel that my skills, abilities and knowledge make me a perfect candidate for consideration. I enjoy meeting new people, and I am very easy going and interested in working with other people as part of the team to accomplish goals.**

Contributions: **I feel that I would bring a fresh prospective and an ability to see topics or concepts in a new and different way. I am quite confident that I would be able to work well with the existing body to move forward and create new ideas and plans for the future.**

Past contributions: **2011, Community Engagement Task Force. I am working with others as a member of the team, interacting and sharing ideas to generate a workable plan to develop a policy on community engagement. 2009-Present, Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. - I assisted and advised individuals and families coming to the tax clinics to e-file their income tax to the Canada Revenue Agency. - I ensured that the people received the best possible return they were entitled to, by checking to see that they claimed all the tax credits they were entitled to. 2008-Present, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Division 1 - I spend a significant amount of time interacting with the public, informing them as to what activities St. John is involved with throughout the community. - I attend training nights and courses to build on and enhance my current skill level. - I provide medical assistance, advise or first aid to members of the public, attending various functions around the city.**

Interpersonal: **I have worked for the past three years as a Security Guard. I have volunteered for the past three years with St. John, the past two years with C.V.I.T.P. and the last couple of months with the Community Engagement Task Force. My employment and volunteer experience has provided me with numerous opportunities to work with and interact with people with many diverse backgrounds.**

Interview interest: **Yes**