

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

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Laurie Chappell**

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Occupation: **Facilities and Security Administrator Co-ordinator**

Work experience: **I am currently employed full time. I have worked for my employer over 26 years. I have worked in Customer Service, IT department and currently In Facilities and Security**

Education: **Grade 12. Certification for Computer. Certification for Management Role.**

Skills: **I am hearing impaired, diagnosed 12 years ago, on a waiting list for a cochlear implant at the University hospital. I have been advocating for myself for the past 12 years at my place of employment.**

Interest reason: **To help bring awareness to those still in the work force that are deaf or deafened.**

Contributions: **My experience with avocation finding resources and adjusting to personal and professional living with a disability would be beneficial. A hearing disability is in most cases "hidden" Many employers find it difficult to adapt. I have had to seek resources, counselling service and educate my employer.**

Past contributions: **I volunteered for four year on the Community Development Council partnered with CHS. I have volunteered for a number of programs at the Transnational Research Unit-National Center for Audiology at UWO.**

Interpersonal: **I have worked with Employee Support Services and Connect Counselling at the Canadian Hearing Society for 12 years. I was 45 years old when I lost my hearing, therefore have learned to appreciate those that live with any form of disability. It has been a hard and stressful struggle for me and has "opened my eyes" to what those living with an disability endure.**

Interview interest: **Yes**