

Committee: **Accessibility Advisory Council**

Organization/Sector represented: **Person with a disability**

Name: **Faye Simmons**

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Occupation: **volunteer - Hutton House, TVCC**

Work experience: **I am currently working as a volunteer tutor at Hutton House with adults with disabilities (developmental, learning, physical). I teach basic reading, math and life skills. I am consulting regarding a new volunteer initiative at Thames Valley Children's Centre and I work for the VON as a volunteer support worker for seniors with mental illness. I supervise morning routine and medication distribution for the VON.**

Education: **I have a college diploma in Computing and Computers and financial management.**

Skills: **I am a person with a disability (I have cerebral palsy and low vision and I use a wheelchair for mobility). I have been a strong advocate for accessibility for people with disabilities for my whole life. Currently I am working with individuals with varying disabilities so I am very aware of accessibility requirements in the city. I have a very active social life so I move around the city on a daily basis so I am able to consult on accessibility issues from a personal perspective.**

Interest reason: **I am interested because I am young and active and I would like the city to become a more accessible environment for everyone.**

Contributions: **I bring experience and enthusiasm to advocating for those who live with a disability. I believe I can bring a varied perspective to accessibility because I am both a person with a disability and a support worker for others who live with a disability.**

Past contributions: **I am currently volunteering at Hutton House and TVCC and I consult with regard to accessibility issues as I encounter them in my volunteer roles.**

Interpersonal: **I exchange my views on a daily basis in my volunteer roles at Hutton House and TVCC. I am very skilled at respecting the skills and abilities of others from the experience I have gained in my role as a tutor. I have written a blog on disability for many years as well, sharing my perspective.**

Interview interest: **Yes**