

Committee: **London Public Library Board**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **The Honourable Dougald R. McDermid**

Address:

**10 Longview Court
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Occupation: **Retired judge from the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.**

Work experience: **Twelve and a half years practicing law. Thirty-six and a half years as a federally appointed judge.**

Education: **B.A., Victoria College, University of Toronto; LL.B., Osgoode Hall; Called to the Bar of Ontario.**

Skills: **On a daily basis over many years, I have looked objectively at both sides of an issue and made informed decisions after taking into account all of the facts. I have specialized knowledge of legal matters spanning a broad range of issues and am able to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing. When practicing law, I volunteered my time to many community organizations by serving on Boards of Directors and acting as President. I was also elected to two terms as a School Board Trustee and conducted salary negotiations on behalf of the Board with OSSTF. (See: Canadian Who's Who.)**

Interest reason: **While sitting as a judge, I had to avoid conflict of interest issues and, therefore, was prevented from volunteering. Now that I am retired, I believe that my former training and experiences qualify me to make a meaningful contribution to the London Public Library Board.**

Contributions: **Based on my training and experience, I believe I can offer intelligent, objective and informed opinions concerning the issues facing the London Public Library Board.**

Past contributions: **I chaired the ad hoc Library Committee of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice whose mandate was to determine the appropriate composition of judicial libraries in each of the 50 judicial centres in Ontario and to implement a plan formulated by the Committee to standardize all these individual libraries. The plan included the provision of written material as well as electronic resources and supporting infrastructure to ensure that a judge on circuit would have access to the necessary research resources no matter where she or he sat.**

Interpersonal: **My volunteer community service and my professional work have taught me to listen and to weigh the opinions of others carefully and to offer my opinions in a respectful way.**

Interview interest: **Yes**