

Committee: **Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented:

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Occupation: **freelance environmental consultant/homemaker**

Work experience: **The majority of my relevant work experience has involved research and writing/editing. Many of these positions and/or the projects I worked on were done on a volunteer basis. I have rewritten reports, articles and policy memos for ReForest London, the Sunshine Coast Conservation Association and for Oklahoma City. These topics included the environmental impacts of tilling, the effects of clear cut forestry, the implications of LNG plants on the marine environment and the benefits of indigenous plants (particularly prairie grasses) as compared to non-native plants (lawns) for boosting biodiversity and combatting drought. I was a lead author on a paper meant to highlight the need to adapt London's urban forestry plan to new climate change realities. In 2016, I was also a paid editor for a major project put forward by JASS (Just Associates) based out of Washington, D.C. This non-profit organization works on women's rights in SE Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa and Latin America.**

Education: **I have a Bachelors of Arts in International Relations from the University of British Columbia (2000). In 2003 I received a Masters of Arts from the Monterey Institute of International Studies (California, USA) in International Environmental Policy. In 2006 I earned a Masters of Law (LLM) in Environmental Law from the University of Kent in Canterbury, England. In 2014 I graduated from Oxford University with a Masters of Science in Biodiversity, Conservation and Management.**

Skills: **I believe my best asset is that I have a very rounded, inter-disciplinary education which includes all the necessary elements for successful environmental policy. I am possess a strong background in science, policy, economics and law. Therefore, I can look at a particular issue or problem through different lenses rather than focusing on solely one aspect. I am particularly strong at both research and writing.**

Interest reason: **Throughout my studies it has become apparent to me that one of the best ways to deal with environmental issues is on a local level. London is a city that possesses some beautiful green spaces, and some rare and threatened species of plants and animals. At the same time, London is rapidly expanding, with many new development projects. By serving on EEPAC I hope to help safeguard some of the places that make London special and ensure a healthy environment for the city's residents.**

Contributions: **I previously enjoyed being a part of a number of working groups. I would wish to continue doing the same again. While I do not have a strong background in engineering or particularly scientific fields like some of the other members, I think my particular contribution is looking at the bigger picture, the direction the city can go, incorporating provincial, national and international policies and looking to include best practices in decision-making. I found that looking into policy papers and laws was helpful in some of the cases and it is an area where I have experience. I can also bring to the table information from other countries I have lived in, and what they are doing to deal with the same issues London is facing.**

Past contributions: **I served previously as a Member at Large on EEPAC for a little over a year (2015-2016) but had to step down from that position due to a temporary move to Berlin, Germany for my husband's work. During that time I also served for six months as the EEPAC representative to TFAC. I very much enjoyed being on both Advisory Committees and participating in various working groups. I was sorry to have to stop down because of our relocation. I have also undertaken a number of research projects for ReForest London.**

Interpersonal: **My volunteer experiences with various organizations, as well as my time**

spent living and studying in six different countries, have taught me the importance of listening and learning from others, and understanding and respecting various beliefs and abilities. Moreover, my multidisciplinary education permits me to work well with colleagues from different backgrounds and, where necessary, to bring them together. I am equally comfortable engaging with scientists and academics as I am with policy makers and concerned citizens. I

Interview interest: **Yes**