

Committee: London Diversity & Race Relations Advisory Committee

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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.

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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Occupation: **Communications/Project Coordinator**

Work experience: **Currently working in the non-profit sector on a variety of projects with the Workforce Planning and Development Board. Familiar with the local workforce and also have a background in marketing and new media. As well, have spent some time doing research and been published for this.**

Education: **I currently have a Bachelor's of Arts with a Double Major in Political Science and Criminology. As well, a post-graduate in Corporate Communications and Public Relations. Hope to pursue my masters in the future.**

Skills: **I have excellent communications skills both written and verbal. As well, have spoke publicly a few different times on a variety of subjects such as youth employment and social media. I specialize in new media and new forms of marketing. Also, I believe that I work very well with others.**

Interest reason: **I am currently the Secretary of the Board for the Pride London Festival. We are working diligently to ensure that Pride moves forward with a more organized and responsible structure. However, I would like to do more to help the greater community and not just those in the LGTTQ2. I want to learn more about the diverse groups in our community and find ways to better assist them. I have always been an advocate for diversity in our various cultural communities. I think this would be a great chance to learn but also meet the leaders in our community.**

Contributions: **Since I was 18 and first came to London I have come to appreciate everything it has to offer. I believe I can provide an opinion that is well spoken and diverse. As well, my skills will allow to make suggestions that are not just my own but also knowledgeable. I have a firm and focused understanding of the issues facing the LGTTQ2 community. Further, I have an understanding of the modern issues facing the younger age group in London. I believe I will provide great discussion and suggestion for this committee.**

Past contributions: **I currently serve as the Secretary of the Pride London Festival. As well, I was formerly the social director for Pride Western and Interim Co-ordinator. I served as a Senator for the University's Student Council and in my early years was the Vice-President of the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership and Student Trustee.**

Interpersonal: **As you can see from my experience above I have served on a number of different bodies. Some as small as 6 and others as big as 150. I have great experience in listening and understanding the view points of others and expressing my own. While I may not always agree with others I do understand that I will always respect the knowledge that others bring to the table. Each individuals background and experience is important when sharing around a table. Each of the above mentioned groups I belonged to has taught me lessons about working with others. If I do not respect others they will not respect me. I want to make a contribution to the diverse community that is London and I think this is an important step.**

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Name: **David Cardoso**

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Occupation: **Manager**

Work experience: **I am heavily involved in all areas of the business that I work for.**

Including importing goods from Europe and interacting with our clients (Londoners) about current events

Education: **I have a Bachelor in Administrative and Commercial Studies (B.ACS) from UWO**

Skills: **- I am financially literate. - I have traveled extensively through Western & Eastern Europe, Northern Africa and Australia and have a good knowledge of different cultures. - My parents were both born outside of Canada. I am a first generation Canadian. - I have a high level of technological know-how.**

Interest reason: **As a young professional, I believe that the City one lives in is as good as the leaders that steer it. If selected, I will do my part in making the City of London as prosperous as possible.**

Contributions: **As a past Committee Chair at the London Community Foundation, A founding member of the Portuguese Club at UWO and as a Current Board Member of the Portuguese Club of London, I believe the conversations that I have with these stakeholders would be of value to this body.**

Past contributions: **As stated above: - Committee Chair at London Community Foundation - Founding Member of the Portuguese Club at UWO - Current Board Member of the Portuguese Club of London**

Interpersonal: **I have vast experience in this arena. Currently, participating on the Portuguese Club Board has taught me how to collaborate with individuals from 70 years old to 17 years old understanding their views and opinions, and helping them implement their ideas.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: LDRRAC

Name: **Michelle Edwards**

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Occupation: **Supervisor**

Work experience: **I am a Supervisor of Residential Services at a Children's Mental Health accredited agency. I am responsible for all aspects of programming and service delivery.**

Education: **I am a Fanshawe graduate and studied Recreation Leadership. I have taken some university courses, working towards a degree in Human Services.**

Skills: **I have been a member of LDRRAC for the past few years. I co-founded the London Black History Coordinating Committee(LBHCC), a volunteer group responsible for designing and facilitating programs throughout Black History Month. This has allowed me to develop good working relationships within various communities in London and area.**

Interest reason: **I remain interested in supporting and advancing the work and initiatives at the Corporate level, specific to all elements of race and diversity.**

Contributions: **I am reliable, able to make decisions, passionate about issues of diversity, and committed to promoting and contributing to the notion that London not only welcomes diversity, but celebrates and embraces it.**

Past contributions: **I chaired the LBHCC for 8 years, and have chaired LDRRAC since 2010.**

Interpersonal: **Both my voluntary and professional pursuits rely on my ability to interact with others, and develop efficient collaborative relationships. This is an area that I will continue to identify as requiring ongoing evaluation, education and development, as I continue to work towards becoming the most respectful and aware individual I can be.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: London Diversity and Race Relations Committee

Name: **Rolanda Elijah**

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Occupation: **Management**

Work experience: I am currently a manager of a Lands and Environment Department for a local First Nation and have only been at this position for about a month. Prior to this I worked for the provincial government in the area of aboriginal policy and relations (2008-2012). I provided advice to the ministries of Transportation and Natural Resources on how to engage with First Nation and Metis communities more importantly how to build dialogue and relationships. As a provincial public servant I was also able to offer official and ministry-approved training to fellow public servants with the Ministry of Natural Resources on the topic of aboriginal relations. As a trainer and educator I provided an overview of the status of aboriginal people in Canada through the constitution, treaties, and profiles of modern First Nation communities in Ontario as well as cultural practices and customs. I also covered a segment on present-day socio-economic challenges faced by First Nations and aboriginal people today.

Education: I have a law degree with a focus on aboriginal and administrative law. I graduated with a law degree from the University of Windsor in 2003, but did a visiting term at York University and specialized in aboriginal resources and governments. I also have an Environmental Studies degree (2000) from York University and focused on environmental policy as it pertained to aboriginal peoples in Canada.

Skills: As a senior manager with a local First Nation, I assisted this First Nation in developing its own human resources policies that gave due considerations to aboriginal customs and religious observances. This is relevant as this experience has given me some specialized experience in matters of accommodation and aboriginal people. My legal training is helpful in understanding legislation and the policy development processes.

Interest reason: I believe that my experiences can contribute to the overall vision for London. I have lived in the city of Toronto for my post-secondary education and eventually made London my home in 2005. While in Toronto I was able to witness how the aboriginal arts community contributed to the theatre and artistic character of Toronto. I believe that we can make London a truly Canadian and creative city by including, incubating and incorporating aboriginal people into the city and vision for London that is truly dynamic and positive.

Contributions: Through my experience as a trainer with the province I know that discriminatory behaviour and attitudes are largely based on ignorance. This ignorance is not usually do to the failure of an individual but rather as a gap in how educational insitutions have disregarded the aboriginal experience in Canada. Through properly designed training and messaging I have seen people's attitudes change remarkably when they are presented with a different perspective on what is offical history. I can bring this experience to this group as a former trainer who has had some successes in bridging and building understanding between diverse peoples. I have lived in a large metropolis such as Toronto, I grew up on a reserve and I feel that I can bring a unique 'lived' experience to the body.

Past contributions: During my studies at the University of Windsor I was a student member of the Aboriginal Education Counsel through the Turtle Island Student Centre. My role as a student advisor was to look for positive ways to address the needs of aboriginal students within a multicultural setting of the university.

Interpersonal: I served a term as a member of Council for the Oneida Nation of the Thames First Nation (2002-2004) As a serving member of Council I had to respect and be open to the diverse opinions of others within the community and seek a balanced perspective as leadership.

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (14)

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Occupation: PhD Student and Instructor at University of Toronto

Work experience: I have worked with various social justice, equity and educational institutions. My latest professional experience has been as the Director of an international teacher educators' program for Muslims globally. I have also been Executive Director of an Immigrant Settlement Agency in Saskatoon, Director of Policy and Programming at an International Development NGO, and an equity/human rights/diversity trainer. In addition, I have worked with Muslim youth and communities in Canada and overseas. Finally, I am an instructor in Sociology and Women/Gender Studies at the University of Toronto.

Education: I have a BA (Political Science and History) from Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C. and an MA (Islamic Studies/Sociology) from McGill University, Montreal, Quebec. I am currently a PhD Candidate (working on dissertation) at the University of Toronto's Ontario Institute of Studies in Education (Department of Sociology and Equity Studies)

Skills: I have a solid understanding of issues of race, racism, diversity, gender, equity and human rights. My academic background and professional experience have focused very strongly on issues of human rights and equity (race, gender, class, ability, sexuality, etc.) I have also worked and volunteered with a wide variety of organizations devoted to social justice and equity, and have been responsible for developing training sessions for organizations, corporations and governments on issues of diversity.

Interest reason: I have been a member of LDRRAC for a number of years, and remain committed to the goals and mission of the Advisory Committee. I believe that the City of London has made progress on issues of diversity, and would like to contribute to continued development in this area.

Contributions: I believe that I can contribute by engaging in dialogue with volunteers and staff at the City of London in order to expand and deepen our efforts to recognize and celebrate the diversity in this city. In particular, I would like to continue working with the Policy and Planning sub-Committee and the HR Department in developing policies and practices that are yet more inclusive and equitable. I also am happy to support the HR Department (as I have been doing thus far) in furthering their training agenda for staff and managers.

Past contributions: I have been a member of LDRRAC for a number of years already (voting member). I was also a member of the Race Relations Committee of the City of Saskatoon (2002-2003). I was a board member and President of the London Inter-Community Health Centre and a member of the United Way's Planning and Allocations Committee. I have also been a member of various community organizations and committees devoted to education and social justice.

Interpersonal: I have been actively involved in continued dialogue about issues of diversity and equity for numerous years. In developing training programs on diversity, for example, I was always involved in an ongoing dialogue with session participants about these issues. Further, in my teaching, I articulate my perspectives on issues of diversity, race, gender and equity with my students and colleagues, and we engage in active, lively dialogue about these issues. As a member of LDRRAC, I am also involved in active discussions, both within the larger Advisory Committee, as well as in the smaller sub-committees, about issues of diversity.

Interview interest: Yes

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Committee: **The London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee (LDRRAC)**

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Occupation: **Manager at TD Bank Group**

Work experience: • **I have been in the financial industry for 10 years. I have had the opportunity to service TD Bank customers in London and throughout the world. • I have held multiple roles within TD Bank from being a front line advisor, to a Quality Analyst to a Facilitator of learning and now a Manager within a contact centre that supports our global customers. • I currently manage a team of 10 advisors who provide financial advice to our customers. • I have the ability to impact and influence business practices to generate business results and exceed our customer's expectations.**

Education: **College Diploma in Business Marketing and an advanced Diploma in Business Administration Marketing I have a yellow belt in Lean Six Sigma**

Skills: **Skills: - Active Listening - Public speaking - Research skills to find pertinent**

information - Understanding of Adult Learning - Facilitation skills - Management skills

Abilities: - Impact and influence - Ability to council team members - Ability to challenge

the norm - Gather information to provide value add recommendations - Address difficult conversation with a high rate of integrity and professionalism Knowledge: - Knowledge of

the banking industry - Personal experience coming to Canada at age 10 - Being a visible minority within a large corporate environment - I'm a manager within a business that has diverse employees

Interest reason: **I am interested in serving the City of London on this body because I truly feel that London is one of the best cities in Canada. I am also a visible minority within this city and within my company and not only do I want to share my experiences but I also want to learn more about what goes on in my city especially when it comes to race relations.**

Contributions: **The contribution I can make to this body is to provide insight on how to cope being a visible minority within a large corporate environment. A lot of people see our customers and how diverse they are but our own employees are diverse as well and we all provide a great service to our customers that have made us one of the largest banks in North America.**

Past contributions: **Currently I am part of TD Bank's Diversity Council for our London Chapter. I have the opportunity to meet with my council members to discuss Diversity within my organization. Our pillars of focus consist of Aboriginal Peoples, Serving diverse communities, LGBTQA, People with Disabilities, Visible Minority Leadership and Women in Leadership. I had the opportunity to gather managers who were visible minorities within my business unit to discuss successes within the role, opportunities and networking. I was also able to create an intranet web site within the organization to create more awareness regarding our Diversity Committee here in London. We are currently leveraging information from our corporate partners and have created a Diversity newsletter that reaches our entire company.**

Interpersonal: **Aside from being part of my company's Diversity committee as mentioned above I was a Facilitator for the Bank before my role as a Manager now. As a Facilitator I had the opportunity to deliver programs in London, Toronto and Montreal. As we know those are some of the biggest cities in Canada that hold a high rate of diverse cultures. I was exposed to many levels of skills, beliefs, abilities and knowledge. I was very successful in this role as I had multiple perfect evaluations from my business partners who were within these diverse cultures.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: **London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee**

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Occupation: **Regional Manager**

Work experience: **Currently work for the Ontario Telemedicine Network which is a not for profit agency funded by the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care. Previously worked for the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing**

Education: **Honours Bachelor of Business Administration Wilfrid Laurier University**

Skills: **As a member of an identified minority group I am keenly aware of the difficulties encountered in accessing services or gaining public awareness. My experience has also given me insight and sensitivity to the impact of discrimination and racism**

Interest reason: **I am interested in continuing to work with the Human Resources department toward a diversity training initiative and continued work with the Diversity Taskforce whose mandate involves all municipal agencies, boards and commissions and interested community stakeholders.**

Contributions: **I believe I can bring the knowledge of my experience with committee process and history. I also would like to continue my efforts with the Diversity Task Force.**

Past contributions: **As the current Vice Chair and former Chair of the committee, I have worked extensively with the Human Resource Department to develop training courses for management and staff and to also create the Diversity Statement and Implementation plan for the city.**

Interpersonal: **I have extensive experience in working collaboratively with others in both my professional and volunteer settings. I have learned to listen and learn from the experiences and insight of others as we work to a consensus at the committee.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: **London Diversity and Race Relations Advisory Committee**

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Occupation: **Educator/Administrator retired**

Work experience: **Coordinator of all adult English as a Second Language programs for Thames Valley District School Board. Teacher in the elementary schools in the classroom, special education and music programs. Consultant with the Ministry of Citizenship and Culture in the area of new immigrants, race relations, and multiculturalism. Additional qualifications ESL consultant, Ministry of Education Special projects for immigrant women, YWCA**

Education: **London Central Secondary School, University, Ontario Teaching Certificate, Adult Education, Special Education, TESL certification, A.Mus. UWO, Diversity Training, University of Calgary, Canadian Language Benchmarks Assessment**

Skills: **..leadership ... empathy .. sensitivity ... I value differences and constantly learn to understand and appreciate the variables in the community.. Through my participation, experiences and expertise, I am able to communicate with people of diverse ages and backgrounds Change is an ongoing process, of which I enjoy being a part of rather than only seeing it happen.**

Interest reason: **I was born into an immigrant family and raised and educated in London, Ontario. Throughout the years, I experienced the lack of recognition and acceptance of diversity and differences. Because of my insight into and involvement with the immigrant population, I am very aware of the struggles and challenges. Community development and education was always my focus in any employment and now I wish to continue this in a volunteer capacity.**

Contributions: **I have a positive attitude, am optimistic, possess strong human relation and organizational skills. I am able to encourage and motivate others keeping the mandate as the focus in any situation.**

Past contributions: **I chaired the education sub-committee of LDRRAC for five years and organized the Open House from the committee. School Board's Race and Ethnic Multicultural document....I was one of the three writers for this policy which was followed and implemented through community consultations and teaching staff. Canadian Language Benchmarks... represented London ESL to develop and implement these Organized programs for foreign professionals TESL Association.. held positions at local, provincial and federal levels**

Interpersonal: **As administrator of adult ESL programs, my staff included close to 200 teachers and 150 volunteers. First female president of the Greek Community of London. Member of the federal advisory committee for the implementation of LINC (Language Instruction to Newcomers to Canada) Coordinated Canadian Citizenship programs and forums.**

Interview interest: **No**

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Committee: **London Diversity & Race Relations Advisory Committee**

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Occupation: **Student (last year)**

Work experience: **Canadian Experience:** The past two years as a full-time student I have been working part time at the front door of a London urban night club (club large). Prior to starting school I worked at Stream (call center) as a tech support agent for a year.

International experience (St. Lucia): Worked for 6 years as the operations manager for a landscaping company and karaoke company. In this role i handled all the day to day operation included but not limited to; HR, Customer relations, accounting, payroll, and logistics. In St. Lucia i also worked at sandals resort as front desk / guest relations. This job gave me the opportunity meet, interact, and accommodate hundreds of new people ever week. coming from a wide range of countries.

Education: **-Completed Secondary school in St. Lucia (Caribbean) -Basic computer use and maintenance certified -Currently in third year at the university of western Ontario pursuing a double major in political science and sociology.**

Skills: **The main skills I would bring to this body are Critical reading, listening, and thinking. An ability to make a non bios review of material from different perspectives and decisively form an analysis. I would also bring a team spirit with me. Given the sensitive nature of this body it is of utmost importance that all members can work and debate matters with respect and without taking offense unnecessarily. I also have great interpersonal communication and problem solving skills.**

Interest reason: **I have now lived in London for almost 5 years now and being a viable minority i have seen first hand the problems faced. I would like to do my part to contribute to a better experience and make the Canadian standard of life more accessible for new comes. also to try and promote a health dialog between cultures that will foster acceptance over tolerance. I am a viable mixed minority of Estonian, Carib, and African descent and have seen how all sides of my background get discriminated against.**

Contributions: **The skills and knowledge base that i would bring to this body where acquired, for the most part, from living a divers life. Being of a mixed background i have had to find ways to fit into different social groups everywhere i have lived. I have had to face to stereo types of a number of different racial groups and subsequently faced the discrimination that goes with them. Having to face then and find personal ways to handle them, I would bring a hands on "ground level" analysis. This personal experience mixed with me sociology education from western will allow me to view information and individual circumstances from both a theoretical and practical perspective**

Past contributions: **I am relatively new to public participation but within the past year i have been an active member of the Community engagement Task Force, Black Community Centre task Force, board of directors for London West Liberal riding association, Caribbean students organization, black students association**

Interpersonal: **Being a member of a number of other task force, committees, and student groups i have had to share and encourage others to share in a productive way. In every Job i have had i have held myself as a team player and fully understand the need for open and respectful interactions.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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APPLICATION FORM FOR APPOINTMENT TO CITY OF LONDON BOARDS, COMMISSIONS, COMMITTEES

(The personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and will be used to assist the Municipal Council in selecting appointees for various City of London Boards, Commissions and Committees. Questions about this collection may be referred to the City Clerk, 300 Dufferin Avenue, London, ON Tel: 519-661-2500 ext. 4937.)

1. Application for appointment to:

Housing

(Name of Board, Commission, Committee, etc.)

2. Name: Kathleen ALBERT

3. Home Address:

819-170 Kent Street

Postal Code: N6A 1L4 e-mail address:

4. Telephone Number: (Bus.) N/A (Home)

* *If it is easier to attach your resume in response to questions 5, 6 & 7, please feel free to do so.*

5. Occupation: Receiving ODSP - brief resume attached - complete

6. Describe your work experience: Resume on request

7. Education:

8. What skills, abilities and specialized knowledge do you have that will assist this body?

very aware of the need for affordable housing, diverse forms of housing

9. Why are you interested in serving the City of London on this body?

this is an extension of my volunteering with Strengthening Neighbourhoods, Seniors Community Association, Downtown Seniors Gathering Place, Community Engagement Task Force, Age Friendly London Task Force, etc.

10. What contribution do you believe you can make to this body?

(1) excellent organization skills; (2) wide experience in planning and implementing projects; (3) team player; (4) experience working with diverse population; personal knowledge of housing needs

11. What past contributions have you made on a similar body or organization?

committee member, chair of boards and committees, facilitator, instructor

12. What experience do you have in exchanging your views with others and in appreciating and respecting the skills, abilities and knowledge of others?

Current and past volunteer work, paid work, and education

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

At the discretion of the Committee, and dependent also on each applicant's expression of interest, all or some of the applicants may be invited to attend a short, private interview with the Committee. The purpose of such interviews is to allow applicants an opportunity to elaborate on their application.

Are you interested in such an interview? YES NO

The Committee then submits recommendations to the Council on appointments. The final approval of appointments is given by the Council. All appointments are at the pleasure of Council and all appointees will be asked to acknowledge this fact in written form.

If you require any additional information about the appointment process or if you have any questions about any of the bodies to which appointments are to be made, please contact Heather Woolsey at 519-661-2500 ext. 4599 or email at hwoolsey@london.ca

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April 4, 2012

Date

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Signature of Applicant

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Kathleen Albert
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Education: Fanshawe College – Social Service Worker Program
Sault College Extension – Life Skills Coach
Federation of Housing Co-operatives – Certified Trainer

Volunteer Work: Seniors Community Association
Downtown Seniors Neighbourhood Advisory Committee
London Strengthening Neighbourhoods Task Force & Moving On
Group
N'Amerind Friendship Centre
Forest City Housing Co-op
Mary Campbell Housing Co-op

Relevant Employment: WOTCH
Canadian Mental Health Association
Life Skills Coach
Instructor P.U.C. recreation program

Complete resume available on request

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Committee: **London Housing Advisory Committee**

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Name: **Shellie Chowns**

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Occupation: **Project Manager, Union Gas**

Work experience: **Construction Project Manager, Union Gas 2010-present Product Development Manager, Auburn Homes 2009-2010 Operation Manager, Z Group 2000-2009**

Education: **St. Clair College, Windsor Architectural Technology, 2005 President, London Home Builders Association Director on the Board, Ontario Home Builders Association Council member, Canadian Urban Council**

Skills: **I have a deep understanding of the housing and industry, development industry. I have been involved in several working groups at City Hall, touching on various aspects of housing affordability, and availability.**

Interest reason: **I believe my experience in housing and in working with partners at City Hall would make me a valuable member of this committee.**

Contributions: **Insight on housing affordability issues, a connection to the private housing industry, a resource for housing issues across Canada and years of experience as a board and executive member.**

Past contributions: **Committee Chair, Board Member, Executive Member and President of London Home Builders Association Committee and Board member of Ontario & Canadian Home Builders LEEP (NRCan) member, twice**

Interpersonal: **Over 10 years managing people and project in a team environment where differing objectives & perspectives are common, in addition to my extensive experience in a committee & board environment.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: London Housing Advisory Committee

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Occupation: **Professional Engineer****Work experience: Plus 35 Yrs of design and development of new housing styles and renovation of existing housing to better suit the accomodation of the owners or residents after their changes in lifestyle or environmental requirements.****Education: Bachelor of Civil Engineering, Petroleum Engineer, Designer and Builder****Skills: Capable of adapting existing housing to make maximum and best use of existing stock of dwelling units to better serve the needs of an aging population and to make the best use of already developed lands within the city.****Interest reason: I have served on this committee for about two years and have enjoyed the interaction and sharing of knowledge and information pertinent to the growth of the City of London,.. a City with Great Potential to be Better.****Contributions: A practical knowledge of the possible adaptation of housing where it is obvious that existing dwellings could provide safe and comfortable as well as affordable life quality for the occupants to a higher standard than at present.****Past contributions: I have participated in public meetings and community development discussions both here in London as well as Halifax and Calgary****Interpersonal: I am a good listener,.. and I believe one of the most important parts of communication with others starts by hearing and understanding what the other person is trying to share, based on their personal feelings and life experiences, which is another whole new perspective from our own and worthy or respect and acknowledgement.**

Interview interest: Yes

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Committee: London Housing Advisory Committee

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Occupation: Professor

Work experience: I am a professor in the School of Social Work in the King's University College at the University of Western Ontario. I teach both graduate and undergraduate courses on social policy practices, research methodology and statistics, and non-profit organizations management and practices.

Education: In terms of my education backgrounds, I have both social work (Bachelor's, Masters', and Doctoral degrees in Social Work) and public administration (Master's in Public Administration) training. Moreover, I received the Allan O'Brien Academic Medal from the Public Administration Program of the University of Western Ontario in recognition of my studying the role of municipalities in addressing the feminization and racialization of poverty in Ontario. I am a registered social work in Ontario and a member of the Ontario Association of Social Workers.

Skills: For over a decade, I have been working on developing a service provision model for racialized youth in the criminal justice system at the levels of policy formulation, program development, and frontline practices in response to local context. Results of my works are disseminated to both academic and non-academic audience by various channels and occasions. Moreover, I am interested in studying the feminization and racialization of poverty in Canada and the role of the municipalities on redistribution. The focus of the study is on how provincial social welfare policy/programs (Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program) could respond to specific needs (e.g., feminization and racialization of poverty) at the municipal level. My education and research in both social work and public administration will assist the London Housing Advisory Committee to examine macro, mezzo, and micro housing issues and to develop short and long-term initiatives addressing affordable housing needs of the residents in London.

Interest reason: In the past eight years I have close connection with City of London. I have organized regularly student visits to City of London including graduate and undergraduate social work students from King's University College and a group of international social work students from South China Agricultural University in February 2011. Through these visits, my students have chances to speak to the Mayor of London, City Councillors, and staff of the City of London and I have strong a very good and solid foundation with the municipal administration.

Contributions: I have very solid macro-political and social analytic skills on housing policy in Canada which I believe will help the Committee advise the municipal formulating a viable and substantial housing policy for the residents in the City of London.

Past contributions: I am currently a member of the Commission on Accreditation of the Canadian Association for Social Work Education, and was a member of the Board of Director of the Crouch Neighbourhood Resources Center, and former Chair of the Children and Youth Consultative Committee of the Ontario Association of Social Workers.

Interpersonal: I am very experienced in negotiation and have worked in different and diverse settings before (e.g., correctional services in Hong Kong, child protection in British Columbia, higher education institute in Ontario). I have a deep appreciation and respect for working with people from different backgrounds. This is also part of my job to teach our students in the social work profession.

Interview interest: Yes

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Application for appointment to: : London Housing Advisory Committee

Name: Jacob (Jack) Malkin

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Telephone number (day):

Telephone number (residence):

Occupation: Consultant

Describe your work experience:

During my career, I was a manager of a planning & control department in a factory, a general manager of a pharmacies' chain, a sales and marketing director and did projects in international business development. In my recent job I have overseen real estate development and construction projects and was the liaison with municipalities with regards to by-laws and permits. I have gained experience in leading and managing teams in industrial and commercial businesses, gathering and analyzing information as a base for taking good decisions, and reading, preparing and analyzing reports and financial information. I have successfully initiated, prepared and implemented business plans, construction projects, budgets and project schedules.

Describe your educational background and, if applicable, professional credentials:

I have university degrees in Industrial and Management Engineering (B.Sc.) and Accounting (B.A.), as well as advanced studies in Business Administration (Finance & Marketing).

What skills, abilities and specialized knowledge do you have that will assist this body?

I trust that my experience in business in general and real estate in particular, as well as my education, will help me in contributing to the work of this Committee. As a new member of the LHAC, I have had the opportunity to learn more about the housing issue in London, which will be very helpful if I continue to the next term. In addition, I am a co-founder and a member of the London Multicultural Community, and as such I have a better knowledge and understanding of the housing needs of new comers in different ethnic groups in London. I am a team player and would appreciate the opportunity to serve as a member of the Committee.

Why are you interested in serving the City of London on this body?

I am looking for an opportunity to work for the community. London has been very good to me and my family and I would like to give back to the community. I believe that housing is a major component of our economy and our society. Housing requires significant financial

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investments. By understanding the general needs, as well as the specific needs of different sectors of our society, we will be able to create effective and efficient plans, recommendations and policies to provide the necessary housing. This will be beneficial to the City's economy.

What contribution do you believe you can make to this body?

I believe that my education, knowledge and experience will enable me, together with the other members, to obtain information, analyze it and assess the need for housing for all sectors of the community. This will further enable me to discuss with the other members recommendations and policies that will address these needs in the most effective and efficient manner

What past contributions have you made on a similar body or organization?

I was a member of the Traffic Committee of the City where we lived, and also served as the Chair of my children's primary schools parents' council, and as a member of the Finance and Pedagogy Committees of their junior-high school. I was a member of the board of a company that manufactured and distributed pharmaceuticals and cosmetics. Also, in the last two years I have been a member-at-large of this committee. In all my roles I have been able to obtain the necessary information for recommendations, directions and policies. I was able to read and interpret financial and other reports, and ensure that each organization acted within its mandate to achieve its goals in a timely and efficient manner.

What experience do you have in exchanging your views with others and in appreciating and respecting the skills, abilities and knowledge of others?

I am a good team player. During my career I have held several management positions as well as leading positions in the school system. I have always made sure during meetings that each participant gets a fair opportunity to express his/her opinion, tried to reach a consensus and to create win/win situations.

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Occupation: **Assistant Professor, Nursing**

Work experience: **I am an Assistant Professor and Year 4 Coordinator in the Arthur Labatt Family School of Nursing, Western University, and Associate Scientist with Lawson Health Research Institute.**

Education: **BScN, RN, PhD from Western University in Nursing. My Doctoral and current research exploring homelessness, housing, and health.**

Skills: **My research focuses on policy relevant components of homelessness, housing, and health. My nursing clinical experience was with people experiencing homelessness, equating me with housing issues. I am also vice-chair of the London Homeless Coalition.**

Interest reason: **I am very passionate about issues of housing, particularly affordable housing, in London. I am well acquainted with both the London Community Housing Strategy and the Community Plan on Homelessness.**

Contributions: **With my background in policy research I believe I can bring a well informed, evidence-based perspective to the group. With my knowledge of health systems, I can ensure that housing decisions are made in the context of a variety of public sectors.**

Past contributions: **I currently sit on the boards of Daya Counselling and the Thames Valley Family Health Team. I am a member of the Middlesex London Health Unit's Strategic Achievement Group, Health Inequities. I am also the founder of the London Homelessness Outreach Network.**

Interpersonal: **In addition to the above mentioned board and committee work, I am involved in numerous committees at Western University, including strategic planning, policy, curriculum revision, and others.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Name: Nadine Reeves

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Occupation: Administrative Assistant

Work experience: I worked 10 years in customer and food 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 have personal experience with raising a family while living below the poverty level. I have extensive knowledge of the City's social services.

Interest reason: It is a personal goals 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.

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 team that is going to maintain and develop the The Real Issue website.

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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Name: **Robert Sexsmith**

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Occupation: **Retired**

Work experience:

Education:

Skills: **Have served on this committee for four years two as Chair**

Interest reason: **I have been involved with housing issues since 1965 in London and have tried to improve housing in london.**

Contributions: **I think that their are number of issues that council has know and understand about all parts of the city. that there has been a number of plans put in place but have yet to be completed, to be a part of that is important to me.**

Past contributions: **President or board member of Twin Pine Village Housing co-op since 1972. Board member London & Middlesex Housing Corp. for past five years**

Interpersonal: **I think I have respect of city staff and elected councilors. The ability to put forward ideals related to housing and have some of them past by council is know to happen.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: **London Housing Advisory Committee**

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Name: **Jacob Skinner**

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Day telephone: **5198717199**Residence telephone: **2267775075**Occupation: **Master of Arts Candidate, American Studies**Work experience: **General Contractor & Construction Management 2003-2009 Planning Commissioner 2006-2010**Education: **UWO - Bachelor of Arts, Honours Political Science 2011 UWO - Masters of Arts, American Studies (Candidate) 2012**

Skills: As a former Planning Commissioner and General Contractor I have planning experience and residential construction experience that may be of value to the board. In my student experience I have published articles and represented my political expertise on the radio.

Interest reason: My professional background has centered around residential housing in terms of the planning of communities and the construction of them as well. I admit there is a social justice aspect to housing that attracts me to the position which I hope to fulfill in some capacity. I also find serving in public positions to be personally satisfying. Giving of my expertise and time back to the community has provided balance to my life and cemented a sense of belonging to the community at large.

Contributions: I bring research skills, analytical skills, and writing skills that will be valuable in assisting the London Housing Advisory Committee in fulfilling its mandate to provide advice and report to the Community Services Committee in an effective way. My expertise in home construction and community planning may also be of some value. In these capacities I have proven myself capable of dealing with public issues and conversing diplomatically which has resulted in useful solutions that ultimately benefited the community.

Past contributions: As a planning commission in Nevada I served a four year term which included the development of a master plan in a community which previously had none along with the implementation of hard zoning. (If you ask a city planner they will tell you this is no easy task.) As a Planning Commissioner I performed a quasi-judicial function hearing the public on issues of zoning on a monthly basis. In these settings I made zoning decisions and offered my expertise which had an impact on shaping the master plan and the future of the town I served.

Interpersonal: I understand the importance of respectful dialogue and have been a part of public settings where feelings have been charged. I did not have difficulty employing diplomatic solutions that appealed more to the reason of others rather than emotion. Although it has been a couple years since I operated in a public capacity I know that each member of the advisory committee will bring their own experiences which ought to be considered carefully and with a high degree of respect. I expect the same in return.

Interview interest: **Yes**E-mail: **President@Jacobskinner.org**

Committee: **London Housing Advisory Committee**

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Name: **Butler, Kathryn M (Kathy)**

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Occupation: **Business owner**Work experience: **Self-employed since 1991; formerly Executive Director of the University Club at Western.**Education: **BA Carleton University, Psychology/Sociology Neurolinguistic Programming Master Practitioner**Skills: **Some knowledge of the Landlord Tenant Board; Steering Committee member on a Tenant Association for 3 years. Negotiated issues with landlord so that both parties deemed the solution to be fair and reasonable.**Interest reason: **My interest in Housing, both as a homeowner and renter has been ongoing for many years. .**Contributions: **My contribution would be as an independent business person as well as a former representative of tenants.**Past contributions: **I have served as a contributing member of LHAC for the past 3 years.**Interpersonal: **Former Board member of the London Unemployment Help Centre; Tenant Association Executive member; Taught adults stress management and relaxation techniques in a program called the Silva Method. Currently teach techniques in communication skills and pain management at weekend events. Much of the above experience required listening skills, and accepting others views, perspectives and knowledge.**Interview interest: **No**E-mail: **kmtbutler@sympatico.ca**

Committee: **Housing Advisory committee**

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Name: **W.Graham McGeorge**

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Occupation: **Artist,**

Work experience: **Over 20 years involvement in real estate industry, all phases - development, management, investment, brokerage, construction 6+- years in social services, with corrections & psychiatric clientele**

Education: **Bachelor of arts, UWO, concentration in Psychology -practicum experience in Ontario Hospital, London Psychiatric Hosp. Professional Real Estate Broker Community mediations experience**

Skills: **knowledge of product, markets, economy, valuation Developed research skills, needs assessment, property analysis, critical analysis skills, ability to interpret complex language i.e. legal acts, research results (scientific, urban geographical)**

Interest reason: **I have lived in this City since 1984. I went to school here in the 70's. I believe it is my "adopted" home. I have a wide range of knowledge and experience in the Housing industry generally. I also have experience with populations at risk, as well as other housing consumers.**

Contributions: **I have good judgement, reasoning and analytic skills. I also have some understanding of the legal processes around various housing issues that impact consumers. An eye to the future. I have lived experience in several housing contexts.**

Past contributions: **I have some experience with board meetings and general business meetings -perhaps not many, unclear what you are looking for probably I should say "nothing of note?" I am not really famous or well-known that way. For a short time I was a member of the Board at Kinwell place many years ago.**

Interpersonal: **I have well developed business and discussion skills in a wide range of contexts, from academic settings to business meetings in private enterprise I value discussion and viewpoints of others as they cast light on the issues concerned, and may assist in arriving at a superior solution, considering additional complicating factors of the problem/issue/goal. I intentionally trained myself in logical, analytic and philosophical dialogue to attain understanding and achieve communication. I can conduct myself at many levels of "sophistication."**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Name: **Chris Moss**

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49-1853 Blackwater Rd.Day telephone: **5193197954**Residence telephone: **5193197954**Occupation: **Nonprofit Consultant/Advisor**Work experience: <http://ca.linkedin.com/in/christinemoss> **Vice President of Community Habitat of London (small nonprofit housing organization)**Education: **Master of Arts in Leadership Degree**Skills: **Knowledge of housing in London. Understanding of governance, leadership and citizen engagement.**Interest reason: **I am interested in participating in housing issues that relate to low income and marginalized people in our community.**Contributions: **leadership abilities, understanding of local housing issues, ability to work as a team, ability to think critically, fairly and to support the community as a whole.**Past contributions: **board of directors experience on local nonprofits, support nonprofit organizations in my role at Pillar Nonprofit Network.**Interpersonal: **strong ability to be a valuable team member, ability to listen and participate, ability to commit to committee work, attendance at meetings and be engaged with the community for strong representation of issues/concerns.**Interview interest: **Yes**E-mail: cmoss71@gmail.com

Committee: LONDON HOUSING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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Occupation: **Retired Legal Assistant/Law Clerk/Administrator**

Work experience: **An administrative support professional dealing in all aspects of office management including functioning as a legal assistant in the areas of real estate, estates, corporate and commercial law; over all administration of law firm; accounting practices; hiring and supervision of staff; inventory control; much of which involved the handling of highly confidential and sensitive information and issues, dedicated, professional and committed to excellent performance**

Education: **Educated at the college level (Fanshawe College diploma); well-developed communication, organizational, analytical and writing skills developed in a fast-paced environment; continuing education courses and seminars, many of which were taken to enhance knowledge base for volunteer positions**

Skills: **This Application is made with the view of filling the position to represent the tenant sector. I have been a tenant in all types of rental properties. A three-storey walk-up, a high-rise building and a private dwelling. I believe I have the capacity to understand the problems tenants do, could and would encounter. Certainly, this would also be an asset if considered as a member-at-large**

Interest reason: **This is an exciting time in the City of London on all matters relating to and about housing. The new Council has wholeheartedly taken over the responsibility of striving to fulfill the goals set out in the London Community Housing Strategy and the compendium guide London Community Plan on Homelessness. There is also the change in the legislation from the Social Housing Reform Act to the Housing Services Act. I would like the opportunity to be able to work along side with the members of the London Housing Advisory Committee to continue the hard work already in progress and with a view to embarking on some new initiatives**

Contributions: **I believe each and every Committee I presently belong to or have been part of in the past, have provided me with valuable knowledge and information to make informed decisions regarding the ongoing and future housing issues in London**

Past contributions: **Former two term Board Member of London & Middlesex Housing Corporation (one year as Vice-Chair and one as Chair) (Chair of the Human Resources Subcommittee of LMHC)); presently on Steering Committee of the London Homeless Coalition; present member of SHOAC; presently looking at the housing needs of seniors on the City's Age Friendly Task Force**

Interpersonal: **I believe you must be sensitive to the views and opinions of others. I respect that everyone's time is valuable and there is no place on a Committee for people who do not give it their all. There are few excuses for tardiness. Although the saying is "a picture is worth a thousand words", the same could hold true that a good listener can sometimes be better than a thousand words**

Interview interest: Yes

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Committee: **London Housing Advisory Committee**

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Name: **Jens Stickling**

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N6A 2K5**Day telephone: **519 280 4663**Residence telephone: **519 435 1729**Occupation: **Real Estate Development and Affordable Housing**Work experience: **Property Management for Residential and Commercial properties.****Development of Affordable Housing Projects. Operator of a general contracting business.****CEO of a Holding Company.**Education: **MBA, Richard Ivey School of Business Bachelor, Honours in Business Management Canadian Securities Course Phase I,II, and III OREA Courses for Real Estate License**Skills: **My background in housing in all aspects from planning, to construction, to renting and managing and to financing will be valuable to the London Housing Advisory Committee. I have a passion for affordable housing and I value London's commitment to affordable and supportive housing. I would like to make a meaningful contribution.**Interest reason: **Affordable housing in London is an explicit target in the Community Plan on Homelessness. Further I am the acting Chair of the London Homeless Coalition. as such I want to help realize the creation of more supportive housing and maintain the link to the Homeless Coalition.**Contributions: **I have a solid understanding of the City's goals around housing, I understand the demand for affordable housing, I understand the private sector and its workings. I am in close contact with numerous social service agencies. My contribution to the committee would be to merge all these perspectives into meaningful outcomes and measurable results.**Past contributions: **Participated in the Landlord Licensing Debate Oversight and managed the Construction of the Waldorf School 2011 Buildout as the Chair of Building Committee, CEO of Westany Holdings Inc. overseeing the construction of a 70 unit residential apartment building.**Interpersonal: **Currently serving as a trustee on the Waldorf Board which follows the consensus model of decision-making. Currently serving as a board member of the Old East Village BIA Board, Currently acting Chair of the London Homelessness Coalition. Chair of the London Waldorf School Building Committee.**Interview interest: **Yes**E-mail: **jstickling@sympatico.ca**

Committee: **Town and Gown Committee Fanshawe College Area**

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Occupation: **customer service**

Work experience: **Work full time in Customer Service dealing with the public whether it be a problem with work that was done at their residence by the company I work with to settle their invoice. I also took on Health and Safety, accounts receivable as well as invoicing. The busier the better.**

Education: **Completed and graduated grade 12 at Thistletown Collegiate Institute Toronto, Ontario**

Skills: **I am well known in the Huron Heights Phase 1 with starting a neighbourhood association to help bring students that have moved into our area under control as well as working with the students**

Interest reason: **London was the only city that had ever appealed to me as the place I would love to live in for the rest of my life. I have noticed over 30 years so many changes some good and some bad. I think being involved with so many people living in these areas that it would be a good way of getting opinions and idea across to the rest of London.**

Contributions: **Having started my Neighbourhood Association I acted on complaints with getting results and had gained trust and respect with all residence, students and landlords.**

Past contributions: **none except creating Huron Heights Phase 1 Neighbourhood Association**

Interpersonal: **By listening, asking questions, putting myself in other positions to get other views of the situations, debating. Thinking outside the box.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: **Town & Gown Committee - Community Representative**

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Occupation: **Volunteerism**

Work experience: **Marketing and sales management with international companies in both the information technology and telecommunications industries. Fundraising. Business Planning and consulting.**

Education: **Honours in Business Administration from Ivey Business School (UWO) - 1984**

Skills: **Familiar with issues and history of this committee and its work. Helped launch this committee under the former Mayor. Have met with current Mayor to keep focus on the work and implementation of the Creating Great Near Campus Neighbourhoods Strategy. Acted as Chair of London's Neighbourhoods' Coalition on Town & Gown Issues. Brought together politicians, city staff (planning and by-law management), UWO administration, London Police, UWO Student's Council to focus on the issues around student housing and neighbourhood impacts and brought the parties together before the formation of this committee. (2-3 years ago)**

Interest reason: **Am interested in preserving and restoring the neighbourhood characteristics of near campus communities' and establishing positive working relationship between all parties. Want to ensure that focus and attention is maintained on these important issues.**

Contributions: **Am an effective team builder, analytical thinker, process mapper and listen well to the needs of neighbourhood constituents in order to represent them fairly..**

Past contributions: **See above - please speak to Nancy Branscombe, Joni Baechler, Judy Bryant, Tyler Cowan and John Fleming for references in this regard and the person who served in this capacity on this committee (Susan Bentley) for their input on my contributions and qualifications.**

Interpersonal: **Am patient, respectful, use various modes of communication to deliver a balanced neighbourhood perspective to the committee. Am effective at bringing important voices (decision makers/influencers) to the table when needed.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Currently Chair of TAC, former member of London's TPIC, Executive for ITE- SW Ont Section

What experience do you have in exchanging your views with others and in appreciating and respecting the skills, abilities and knowledge of others?

25+ yrs as an Eng'g consultant including facilitation of public consultation programs My previous role on a variety of Advisory Committee's

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Committee: Transportation Advisory Committee

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Occupation: **Bike Mechanic**

Work experience: Currently as a Thames Region Ecological Association (TREA) member, I am helping to develop a fall Wheeling to School pilot at Mitchell-Hepburn Public School with other TREA members in conjunction with St. Thomas Elgin Health Unit, Green Communities Canada (www.greencommunitiescanada.org) and Share the Road (www.sharetheroad.ca). This partnership is meant to bring together the cycling expertise of Share the Road, and Green Communities' experience of delivering the Active & Safe Routes to School program (ASRTS) to Ontario schools for the past 15 years. I expect to contribute a number of suggestions when a school walkabout is done to assess cycling safety. I also have supported TREA this summer in the delivery of public Bicycle Safety Checks at special events and facilitated a workshop on cycling safety to staff at London Life as part of TREA's yearly Bicycle Festival Week. I have been a Bike Mechanic for fifteen years, a private bike courier for six years for a Senior Citizen and a licensed driver. I have taught bike road safety to riders and been instrumental in the program development of the Purple Bikes initiative established at UWO. Purple Bikes' goal is to help members fix their own bikes through instruction and provide bike rentals primarily to students on campus from their fleet of purple bikes. I helped organize workshops as an instructor to remodel bikes for the purpose of bike share and repair to enhance their programming. I have experience in hauling goods by bike trailer using both city streets, and bike pathways and am frequently asked questions by the public about road safety.

Education: My experience as a safe cyclist has gained community acknowledgement for a number of years. As a TREA member more recently, I have been the TREA representative on the City's Transportation Advisory Committee to offer input and recommendations towards the city's transportation plan which governs the planning and implementation of pedestrian, bicycle, transit, road and parking facilities. I have read the content of the City's Bicycle Master Plan, the objectives and content of the City Transportation Plan, the Transportation Demand Management Co-ordinator's mandate and various by-laws and land use plans that affect transportation infrastructure and use. I am a former Bike Mechanic, and current member of Purple Bikes' Bike Share Program at UWO.

Skills: Have done bike infrastructure research for the last eleven months on behalf of TREA. Have knowledge of the highway traffic act. Recognize road planning structure documents, and have road safety knowledge. Am able to read and understand planning documents, Am able to follow City Hall procedures in creating policy. Am interested to enhance and promote equity for alternative transportation and bicycle accommodation and integration. Am interested in the development of a city walking charter to enhance quality of life. Am able to promote a safe environment for cyclists.

Interest reason: London is a great city and has lots of potential for infrastructure enhancements to help cyclists ride more safety. I have been interested in bicycles and cycling both in rural areas, county roads and city streets for over thirty years. I have the knowledge and background to assist to give input involving the City moving forward with the transportation plans they currently have, and the potential future plans City Hall may choose to develop.

Contributions: I look forward to impart my enthusiasm for alternative healthy transportation and concern for Londoners regarding public road safety for all citizens of London and area, especially active transportation. I have a wide range of contacts within the community to hear their suggestions and bring that knowledge as well as my own to the committee.

Past contributions: I have recently developed a bike safety and maintenance manual along with a tools list for the Purple Bikes' Bike Share Program administrators for their initial launching. As well as the organization which I am a member of TREA has had previous

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representation on the TAC committee and is requesting that consideration be given to have the City continue to have TREA represented for the next term. As noted above, I have been a bike mechanic for Purple Bikes' Bike Share Program, and I am currently a member of TREA in the capacity of enhancing programs for schools and community. I have taken a Communication Course through Wheable Adult Education Center to enhance my ability to share information and formulate succinct correspondences with others. Purple Bikes Bike Share program has for one year obtained expert advise from me to set up a safe environment for public use, as well as tips to encourage public use of the facilities, which I continue to support.

Interpersonal: I have worked at plant factories assisting employees with Computer Training at all skill levels, and all educational levels including middle management staff being downsized. I was a human resource liaison for co-workers as well and spent 6 months working in a Legal Office. I was taught city road cycling skills by an expert Toronto bike courier who worked in that field for many years. I have experience in listening and respecting the knowledge of expert city employees and advisors who represent public interest learning from a range of community sectors given my experience in participating at TAC meetings.

Interview interest: Yes

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Committee: Transportation Advisory Committee

(17)

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Occupation: IT Solutions Manager (Software Development)

Work experience: I have been managing technology, teams and projects for more than 10 years. Since 2000, I have worked for several high tech companies, each located in London's downtown core. I am currently the IT Solutions Manager for GoodLife Fitness - a position that requires me to directly manage people, projects and technology.

Education: BSc Computer Science, The University of Western Ontario

Skills: I believe my background in technology, process improvement, vendor management and contract negotiation would provide a unique skill-set to this committee. As an added benefit I work downtown, just a few blocks from City Hall. I am able to be flexible with my work schedule and should have no problem attending committee meetings. As you will read below, I also have a unique perspective on public transit, cycling and personal vehicles.

Interest reason: Back around 2006 I began an irregular commute by bike. Inspired by coworkers that cycled to work on a daily basis, I discovered what a pleasure it was to travel along the Thames Valley Parkway into downtown from where I live in Byron. In 2008, my wife and I made the conscious decision to sell our second vehicle and adapt our lifestyle to having only one. A pleasant bike commute, combined with ease of access to a direct LTC route was more than enough to suit my needs. The LTC strike in 2009 changed all that. For the duration of the strike I commuted by bike - rain or shine (or snow). This interruption to my daily routine completely changed my feelings towards cycling, as something that needs to be considered as part of a master transportation plan, integrated with public transit and personal vehicles on the roads. Today we are still a one vehicle household, and with two young children it can be quite a challenge. That said, I can't see myself wanting a second vehicle anytime soon. I would like to serve on this committee to bring forward this perspective, and to do what I can to help promote cycling as an often overlooked, yet completely viable (and often preferable) method of transit in London.

Contributions: I believe I can bring forward the vision of someone who sees commuting by bike as something that needs to be part of a master plan, combined with the needs of personal vehicles and public transit. As a self proclaimed "municipal politics nerd" I also see this as an opportunity to serve my community.

Past contributions: I currently serve on the Board of Directors for the Covent Garden Market.

Interpersonal: Having served as part of a senior management team at several companies, I understand that respecting the skills, abilities and knowledge of others is necessary to achieve progress. Serving on the Market Board of Directors has only reinforced this perspective.

Interview interest: Yes

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Application for appointment to:	Trees and Forest Advisory Committee
Name:	Craig Linton
Address:	1 McKenzie Avenue London N6C 1V1
Telephone number (day):	
Telephone number (residence):	
Occupation:	Land Development Project Manager
Describe your work experience:	Facilitate various planning applications, implement construction activities. Work with City staff to achieve quality developments, and liaise with existing residents to respond to concerns.
Describe your educational background and, if applicable, professional credentials:	U of W - B.Sc. Hons. Earth Science (1995) Fanshawe College - Urban and Regional Planning Technology (2003). Full member in the CACPT (Canadian Association of Certified Planning Technicians)
What skills, abilities and specialized knowledge do you have that will assist this body?	Familiar with Official Plan Policy and implementation with respect to land development process; able to coordinate with others to facilitate cooperative working environment and achieve goals.
Why are you interested in serving the City of London on this body?	To achieve workable, realistic policies that will be effective in improving overall balance between the natural environment and the needs of an ever increasing population.
What contribution do you believe you can make to this body?	My work experience provides a useful base of knowledge to effectively contribute to policy development, and provide consistent clear direction to council as required.
What past contributions have you made on a similar body or organization?	

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Volunteered on numerous occasion with OSCO (Old South Community Organization); member of Wortley Road Public School "Greening Committee" where I participated in implementation of extensive landscape initiatives on the school grounds.

What experience do you have in exchanging your views with others and in appreciating and respecting the skills, abilities and knowledge of others?

As a project manager, I must recognize my own limitations first, and then engage others to seek their input in order to make the best decisions which will keep a project on track. I must clearly articulate my expectations and goals to others. I rely heavily on others for their technical expertise, and try not to let my own personal feelings obscure the facts pertaining to a particular issue.

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Yes No

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Committee: **Trees and Forests Advisory Committee** (18)Name: **Craig Neilans**

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49 Winding Way Crescent**London****N6G 3E9**Day telephone: **519-868-1391**Residence telephone: **519-641-0501**Occupation: **Field Account Manager - Canada Bread**Work experience: **Sales management**Education: **Completed a 4 year honours degree from UWO**Skills: **I have participated in several tree planting programs around the city through Scouts Canada, Reforest London, and TD Bank.**Interest reason: **I love that we are the Forest City, and want to make sure we do more than just live off the name. We need to continue taking steps to live up to the name.**Contributions: **I am a strong communicator, as well as a good listener, interested in broadening my skills, and participating in the preservation of something I enjoy**Past contributions: **I was a participant on the London Strengthening Neighbourhoods task force.**Interpersonal: **Much of the work that I do is collaborative, and I am very used to working in a group setting, and forming consensus from the group.**Interview interest: **Yes**E-mail: **neilans@sympatico.ca**

Committee: **Trees and Forest Advisory Committee**

(18)

Name: **Ben Porchuk**

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Work experience: I have worked as a wildlife biologist, run environmental non profits, designed nature reserves, studies Traditional Medicinal plants for First Nations and served as a municipal Councillor. Currently, I'm reviewing the environmental screening process for several proposed wind farm companies on behalf of First Nations and the proponent development companies.

Education: I have a bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) from McMaster University/University of Guelph in Natural Science and Wildlife Biology. I also have a Master of Science from the University of Guelph, with a specialty in ecology.

Skills: I'm very adept as writing and reviewing reports. I excel at public speaking. I know a lot about urban ecology (see my web site www.landscapenative.com). I'm looking to use my skills now directly with the city.

Interest reason: I like smart development and I want see London excel in this regard. I'm very happy with many of the developments that have taken place to date. Some such developments, however, have unnecessarily sacrificed 'heritage trees' or irreplaceable natural areas within the city.

Contributions: I can bring a lot of experience in environmental knowledge and municipal governance. I am level headed and therefore believe I could help streamline decisions.

Past contributions: I'm on the Technical Review Committee for ReForest London. I'm on the Board of Directors of the Friends of the Coves.

Interpersonal: As mentioned above, I've been on many committees and in various volunteer capacities. I get along well with others and look forward to seeing multiple opinions from the other people who have different backgrounds. I enjoy finding common ground and believe in the end everyone interested enough to join such a committee wants to make their community a better place.

Interview interest: **Yes**E-mail: **ben.porchuk@gmail.com**

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Committee: **Trees and Forests Advisory Committee**

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Name: **Barry A. Sandler**

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Occupation: **Executive Director, Veterans Memorial Parkway Community Program**

Work experience: **3 years as program manager for community based environmental programs (Scoutrees, VMP Community Program) 20 years as a Computer Solutions Consultant, trainer, Integrator, and programmer primarily in the Sales & Marketing support systems field. 8 years educator primarily in the History field.**

Education: **B.A. B.Ed. Various certifications in multiple software products**

Skills: **4 years experience in learning all aspects of volunteer based tree planting.**

Interest reason: **I believe that I can bring a fresh perspective to the process of creating and implementing creative programs to enhance London's urban forest.**

Contributions: **I believe that I have demonstrated over the last few years the capability of developing and implementing creative environmental programs ... particularly as related to trees in the urban forest.**

Past contributions: **London Area Scoutrees Veterans Memorial Parkway Community Program**

Interpersonal: **Over 30 years experience in bringing teams of business leaders, technical experts, and users together to implement high level computer solutions. 4 years experience in creating and working with government, community groups, and business in the creation and implementation of community based tree projects.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

E-mail:

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Application for appointment to:	Trees and Forest Advisory Committee
Name:	Bob Shiell
Address:	1597 Phillbrook Dr
	London ON
	N5X 2T7
Telephone number (day):	
Telephone number (residence):	
Occupation:	Retired secondary school teacher
Describe your work experience:	I taught elementary school in Mississauga ON and from 1989 until 2007 I taught secondary in London. Most of my teaching career I taught geography and physical and health education. During the last part of my career I taught geography, history and math.
Describe your educational background and, if applicable, professional credentials:	Master in Science of Outdoor Education from Northern Illinois Univeristy Bachelor of Education from Althouse College UWO Citizen Arborist - a programme offered by the City of London several years ago
What skills, abilities and specialized knowledge do you have that will assist this body?	I am comfortable working in small groups. If a leadership role is required, I am willing and able to accept it. I have worked with the City of London and UTRCA for the past 20 years planting trees and shrubs along the Stoney Creek corridor in north east London.
Why are you interested in serving the City of London on this body?	I am proud to live in London. Working with the other members of the committee, allows me to participate in keeping London a great city to live in.
What contribution do you believe you can make to this body?	I understand the importance of trees in, and for the image of London. By attending the committee meetings, listening to the technical reports provided by City staff and questioning points I do not understand, I believe I can make London a better city.
What past contributions have you made on a similar body or organization?	

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I am the executive director of Friends of Stoney Creek for the past 20 years. With FoSc, I have assisted with community tree and shrub plantings and clean up along the Stoney creek corridor. I work with the Middlesex Stewardship Council for the past several years. On the Stewardship Council I am a member of several working committees, and I am the vice chairperson. I was a Scout leader for 30 years.

What experience do you have in exchanging your views with others and in appreciating and respecting the skills, abilities and knowledge of others?

I have attended and present at environmental conferences and workshops. Along with staff from UTRCA, I attend local community organization's meetings to listen to their concerns and suggestion regarding the Stoney Creek watershed. If there is an opportunity for me to assist them or work with them, I do.

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Committee: **Trees and Forests Advisory Committee**

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Name: **Amber Cantell**

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Occupation: **Project Manager, ReForest London**

Work experience: I am a Project Manager with a background in ecological restoration and urban planning. This is my second year as Project Manager with ReForest London: since starting there, I've led over 16 park naturalization projects (over 4,500 native trees and shrubs planted to date) and worked with the City's Forestry Department on the TD GreenStreets program to help get more trees into the yards of Londoners. I am currently a coordinator for the Parks, Natural Areas and Roadways Action Team for the Million Tree Challenge (on which the City is a partner), and assist with the Steering Committee for that challenge. I coordinate ReForest London's schoolyard naturalization program and supervise this year's tree sales program. Prior to starting work with ReForest London, I worked as the Well Aware Project Coordinator for Waterloo Region Green Solutions in Kitchener and the Green Building Education Coordinator for the Ecology Action Centre in Halifax. I've done volunteer work with various conservation organizations, including the Grand River Conservation Authority, the Niagara Escarpment Commission, and the Nature Conservancy of Canada. I've also sat on the Pedestrian Charter Steering Committee for the Region of Waterloo. A complete résumé can be made available upon request.

Education: I have an Honours Bachelor of Environmental Studies from the University of Waterloo (Environment and Resource Studies major, Sustainable Local Economic Development option), a post-graduate certificate in Ecosystem Restoration from Niagara College, and am currently completing a Masters of Arts in Urban Planning at the University of Waterloo (anticipated date of completion: May 30, 2012).

Skills: I have a background in restoration ecology, which includes familiarity with various native plants and animals, soils, and natural processes. I have a particular interest in native plants (and especially their identification and taxonomy). I think the strongest asset I could bring to the table is my connection to London's various community planting organizations, their thousands of volunteers and the work that they do. I am also creative and enjoy working with others to come up with viable solutions to complex problems.

Interest reason: I'm a strong believer in the democratic process and the importance of community engagement in getting things done. As an employee of ReForest London, I think it's important that our organization stays engaged with the work TFAC does, both so we can bring concerns of residents and our volunteers to the committee, and so we can provide Londoners who contact us with inquiries with updates about the City's ongoing efforts to improve our urban forests.

Contributions: As a member of the committee, I would hope to review and continue to build upon the work of the most recent committee. I would like to find ways to integrate the work of the committee and the Million Tree Challenge, and am also interested in initiatives to expand park and natural areas planting, projects to develop urban "treescapes" (particularly along roads such as Wellington), the upcoming Canadian Urban Forest Conference and efforts to improve local policies related to trees (particularly with regard to the use of native species). I would also like to see TFAC support the City's Urban Forest Strategy in whatever way it could. I believe that my combined background in ecology, planning, economic development and project management (or "getting things done") would be particularly beneficial to a committee of this nature. As well, as a staff person at ReForest London, I am in a good position to help pick up where the present committee will be leaving off (and thus improve continuity between terms), as two of my co-workers sit on the current committee.

Past contributions: My previous work with the Region of Waterloo's Pedestrian Charter Steering Committee is similar in nature to TFAC, in that it dealt with providing policy guidance and direction to a municipal government. My work for that group involved

contributing to urban planning processes related to active transportation, and in particular a plan for the City of Kitchener. My work with ReForest London deals directly with urban forests and several tree-related projects, and I also have been involved in numerous organizations at the University of Waterloo that operated by committee, such as the Environment and Resource Studies Students Association, the Environmental Students Society and the Waterloo Environmental Students Endowment Foundation. For the purposes of providing an example of specific contributions within a committee context, as Chair of the Waterloo Environmental Students Endowment Foundation, I led a series of member consultation workshops with over 50 students, staff and faculty to evaluate a set of proposed ideas to improve the Foundation, and then worked with other Board members to turn the recommendations from those workshops into a new constitution and set of by-laws which were ratified at our later Annual General Meeting. The process led to a \$100,000 special competition, a new student award, and a new program to support speaking opportunities for upper-year and graduate students.

Interpersonal: As a professional ecologist and project manager working in the not-for-profit sector, virtually all my work experience to date has involved collaboration with people with other areas of expertise (such as marketing, fundraising, landscape architecture, forestry, hydrology, etc.) and project stakeholders. For instance, in my work for ReForest London, I regularly work with City staff from multiple departments and engage with a variety of different landowners (institutional, residential, commercial, etc.) in order to complete planting projects. In many cases, stakeholders may have different priorities for a project which I must work with them to resolve. For instance, on a recent project for an environmental team with one of the colleges, some members of their team wanted to do a high density planting while others were more concerned with security issues (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design/CPTED). In order to satisfy both groups, I was able to plan a pair of projects which had fewer but larger trees being planted close to the school's parking lot to provide good visibility between plants, and another that was closer to the river and which provided a good spot for a higher density naturalization project. Thank you for your consideration!

Interview interest: Yes

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Committee: **Trees and forest advisory committee**

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Occupation: **Arborist**

Work experience: **20 years employed with CLC Tree Services**

Education: **Graduate certificate from Sir Sanford Fleming Arborist cert. # ON 1295-A**

Skills: **Tree Identification Planning Experience Planting Experience Tree Climbing
Chainsaw safety**

Interest reason: **I work in our "Urban Forest" every day and would like to participate in it's management.**

Contributions: **I have the knowledge and experience to assist in the planning and implementing of care strategies for our forest**

Past contributions: **We have worked with Reforest London for many years and are currently involved with them in the Million Tree Challenge**

Interpersonal: **In the past I was a member of the "Future Leaders Group" of CAFE-Canadian Association Of Family Enterprise**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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Committee: **TREES AND FORESTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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Occupation: **FORESTER FOR BAUMAN SAWMILL INC, WALLENSTEIN, ON**
Work experience: **FIFTEEN YEARS WORKING FOR ABITIBI AS A LOGGING SUPERVISOR AND FOREST MANAGER. EIGHT YEARS AS OWNER/OPERATOR OF URBAN TREE AND LANDSCAPING SERVICE IN LONDON, ON. ONE AND A HALF YEARS WITH BIOLOGIC IN LONDON. PRIVATE FORESTRY CONSULTANT. FIVE YEARS AS FORESTER FOR BAUMAN SAWMILL INC.**
Education: **BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN FORESTRY. ONTARIO DIPLOMA IN HORTICULTURE. CERTIFIED ARBORIST FOR SIX YEARS. REGISTERED PROFESSIONAL FORESTER.**

Skills: **I HAVE WORKED WITH LONDON LANDOWNERS SINCE 1988 TO MANAGE THEIR TREES AND WOODLOTS. I HAVE A GOOD WORKING KNOWLEDGE OF THE PPS AND WORK WITH TREE CUTTING BYLAWS IN SOME 26 MUNICIPALITIES. I HAVE A PRETTY GOOD IDEA OF WHAT LONDON CITIZENS WANT, AND WHAT WORKS AND DOES NOT WORK.**

Interest reason: **I HAVE A KEEN INTEREST IN PROMOTING PRACTICAL GOOD FORESTRY MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION IN SOUTHERN ONTARIO. LONDON IS MY HOME.**

Contributions: **WHILE THE COMMITTEE ALREADY HAS FORESTERS ON IT, NONE OF THE PRESENT VOLUNTEERS APPEAR TO HAVE EXPERIENCE WITH FACE-TO-FACE DEALING WITH LONDON CITIZENS, EITHER ON THE FRONT LAWN, OR IN THEIR WOODLOTS. I WOULD BRING THIS EXPERIENCE.**

Past contributions: **SAT ON COMMITTEES TO WRITE FOREST CONSERVATION BYLAWS FOR WELLINGTON AND ELGIN COUNTIES. SAT ON COMMITTEE TO RE-WRITE WALPOLE ISLAND FIRST NATION'S FOREST MANAGEMENT POLICY.**

Interpersonal: **ON THE ABOVE COMMITTEES, AND ON ALMOST A WEEKLY BASIS AS I SUBMIT APPLICATIONS TO MUNICIPALITIES TO HARVEST TIMBER.**

Interview interest: **Yes**

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