Committee: Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

Organization/Sector represented: Member of tree planting group

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Occupation: Writer - promotional material

Work experience: I have been writing promotional material for many years, most recently from home. Currently I work for an organization that provides rehabilitation to those with serious brain injury resulting from motor vehicle collisions - I help produce promotional and clinical projects. Prior to that, I worked in promotional and administrative positions in community organizations that helped developmentally challenged individuals, and children and youth.

Education: BA from Western University; several continuing ed courses since then in writing, photography, entrepreneurial endeavours.

Skills: Community engagement, writing skills, love of the outdoors; engaged in nature-related community groups, helping to plan, promote and organize events. I also love all aspects of nature, and enjoy walking among its riches, whether on a city street or in one of its fine parks.

Interest reason: I would like to get further engaged in my community. I have lived in London all my life and have seen the city grow and evolve over the years in many different areas. I would like to contribute my skills and the experiences I've gleaned over the years to this committee.

Contributions: Since I have lived in London my entire life, I feel thoroughly connected to this city and it's many projects and endeavours over the years. I am a Londoner through and through and want the best for this city and for those who have chosen to make London their home.

Past contributions: I had been an active member of a group called TREA for many years, as well as McIlwraith Field Naturalists (now Nature London), and have recently joined ReForest London in tree-planting projects and taken courses in planting and tree-identification.

Interpersonal: In addition to being a member in the above-mentioned groups, I had also been a member of a sorority called Beta Sigma Phi for many years, where we met twice a month for organized meeting activities and planning, as well as monthly socials. I have also worked in office environments for the bulk of my employment; in one job I served as minute-taker in many organizational and committee meetings where many opinions were expressed and debates ensued. I am well aware of the proper protocols of meeting in large and small groups, and respecting everyone's opinions and sharing my own in a polite and respectful manner.

Interview interest: Yes