

Committee: **Accessibility Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Katie Schmidt**

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Occupation: **Student**

Work experience: **I have three years of customer service experience. I worked as a cashier in food services for the University of Waterloo from Sept. 2013-Dec. 2016.**

Education: **I have a diploma in public relations from Conestoga College, and I'm currently attending King's University College for Disability Studies.**

Skills: **I was born with spina bifida and hydrocephalus and I use a manual wheelchair for mobility, so I have lived experience. I am also an articulate and determined individual who tries my best in every situation and I do not give up easily. I also have excellent teamwork skills and can effectively work in a team to produce desired results.**

Interest reason: **I am interested in serving the City of London on this body because I have lived experience that I feel I could lend to the Committee that will be of value to them. I am also passionate about accessibility issues and issues related to people with disabilities in a wide variety of areas, from transit, to employment, to housing, and etc.**

Contributions: **I believe I can bring passion and enthusiasm for accessibility to this body. I can also bring determination for change.**

Past contributions: **For two years I was a member of Conestoga College's Accessibility Services Student Advisory Group. This committee consisted of a small group of students, no more than 15, and two faculty members within the Accessibility Services department that would discuss accessibility issues on campus and how to best address them. The group met four times a school year.**

Interpersonal: **Through my experiences in my education and attending classes, I have a great deal of experience exchanging my views with others and appreciating and respecting the skills, abilities and knowledge of others. I have worked on many team projects where all ideas and input were crucial to the success of the project. I have also participated in discussions where I did not always agree with another's point of view, but I handled the situation respectfully and did not demean or disrespect the other parties involved in any way, shape or form.**

Interview interest: **Yes**