

Committee: **Cycling Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented:

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Occupation: **Student (primarily), freelance writer, customer service for Start.ca, technical administration for Trinity United Church, research assistant at King's college**

Work experience: **Extensive experience in technical support and customer service, both over the telephone and as an on-site consultant. I've developed and deployed training material for Start.ca during the early phases of their growth. I also wrote as a columnist for Our London.**

Education: **General science BSc (focused on computer science with an interest in philosophy) from Lakehead University. Finishing an undergrad degree in sociology at King's college, with the intent of pursuing social theory at Western for grad school.**

Skills: **As a life-long cyclist and having experienced the best and worst of London's cyclability, I've engaged in research about the cycling strategies of other communities. As a skilled communicator and creative problem solver, I feel I can use my knowledge to facilitate creation and conveyance of new ideas.**

Interest reason: **Using a bicycle as my primary means of intra-city transportation, I see the effects of our cycling strategies first-hand. Knowing the important economic and social effects of cyclability, I wish to see London keep its youth and attract investment by being a modern, livable community.**

Contributions: **As a member of numerous boards and having extensive experience participating in and chairing meetings, I believe I can help provide and organize information, facilitate communication, and help convey our findings to council effectively.**

Past contributions: **I've served on the Home County Music and Arts Festival board of directors for nearly a decade, and currently act as secretary. I am also secretary of the OSCO board and several committees at a local church, and have participated in several activist organizations (Occupy London et al) as a meeting facilitator.**

Interpersonal: **Having participated in numerous activist organizations, nonprofits, and other groups, I have invested substantial experience in mediating discussions, resolving disputes, and building consensus.**

Interview interest: **Yes**