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Dear Secretary Bunn (Trees and Forests Advisory Committee):

Staff from ReForest London have been proud to participate on the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee for the past several years, helping to advance the Urban Forest Strategy and provide technical expertise to support the growth and protection of London's trees and forests. Participation on TFAC has helped our organization keep apprised of municipal initiatives and policy goals, while providing a valuable opportunity to share with City staff and other citizens information about our programs and various issues relevant to community-based tree planting efforts here in London.

Our last representative on TFAC, Kaitlin Richardson, has recently left our organization for a new position and Guelph. We have just hired a replacement for Kaitlin, Alex Meilutis, who will be our new Project Manager for our Naturalization & Aftercare programs, and would like to put her name forward as a possible candidate for the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee.

Alex has a Master's in Environment and Sustainability from Western, as well as an Honours Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and Biology. She is an experienced ecologist, having formerly worked as an Ecosystem Biologist as well as an Assistant Ecologist for the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, and an Assistant Park Planner for Ontario Parks. She also has previous experience working with the City of London as the Community Projects Coordinator for Environmental Parks Planning & Design, as well as the Active & Green Communities Coordinator for Environmental Programs. We believe she would make an excellent addition to the Trees and Forests Advisory Committee, and are happy to put her name forth as a possible candidate for the committee.

If you have any questions regarding our organization's participation on TFAC, please do not hesitate to contact our Director of Programs, Amber Cantell.

On behalf of our staff and Board, thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Dean Sheppard
Executive Director
ReForest London