**Committee: Trees and Forests Advisory Committee** 

Organization/Sector represented: A local business association or tree-related business

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Occupation: Arborist

Work experience: I manage a local tree care service, with 2 ISA certified arborists on staff. The business name is Conservatree and we have been serving the London area for 8 years. Education: I attended Brock University for Honours Business.

Skills: I attended a meeting of the committee on February 28th, I saw that there was no representative of the Tree Care industry on the committee. I can offer a first hand understanding of how business owners and homeowners react to the efforts being made by this committee.

Interest reason: The Tree Preservation Bylaw and Urban Forest Strategy effects my industry and yet there is no voice present in the guidance of these guidelines being created. I believe that the private Tree Care industry will be the main stewards of the 'Preserve' and 'Maintain Better' pillers of the Urban Forest Strategy. So I believe my involvement will help this committee meet the canopy goals in the City of London by ensuring that the guidelines created are suitable to the realities of our industry.

Contributions: I would like to find a way to get the Tree Care Industry more involved as a group. To help create a positive change that involves the excellent group of Arborists here in the Forest City.

Past contributions: I have served as Treasurer and as a Team Rep on the Thames Valley Senior Baseball League Board of Directors. We guided and planned league activities and rules. I resigned because my team changed leagues.

Interpersonal: I focus on being a good listener, to hear others when they express their views or offer their expertise. I speak when I have something to say, whether it be constructive or to add further information to a conversation. I understand this is a committee focused on guiding positive changes and that will take co-operation amongst the committee members. I am willing to take a stand to defend my views. I am willing to challenge other's views. I am able to make compromises. I believe this committee could teach me a lot.

Interview interest: Yes