

Committee: **Eldon House Board of Directors**

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Occupation: **Funeral Director**

Work experience: **30 years as a funeral director; Started work in the family business at age 12;**

Education: **Humber College Two year Funeral Service Program; London Police Services training as an Auxiliary Constable; Trained as private pilot (no long fly however); Self taught photographer for over 30 years. May not sound like much, but I have won several prizes over the years, the most recent was a thousand dollar grand prize from CTV-London for one of my photographs last December of 2011.**

Skills: **Good working knowledge of the history of London and area; Good financial skills; Previous experience with serving on public boards; Life long experience in dealing with the public;**

Interest reason: **Since the day I came home from college 30 years ago, I have always been involved with community service and organizations, and now that I am no longer on LACH, I am looking for a new avenue to donate my time and work to.**

Contributions: **I know you are specifically looking for - quote "distinct interest and/or knowledge of history and heritage", and I think I fill that role given my work on LACH and other heritage events I have performed here in the city (such as the re-dedication events for the Canadian Veterans of the US Civil War), but I think I might fill your need for a person with financial skills; Our family business may not seem too large, but we employ 8 people and annually we do business into seven figures. To that point, I personally perform all the following business functions: - all payroll; - all day to day bills and finance; - all government forms, including by not limited to all HST returns, all T4, T5, ROEs, etc, slips & summaries, all assorted forms and paperwork required for all three levels of government; - all inventory & purchasing; - all trust accounts; We also have our own registered importer status and I handle all that paperwork too, such as our PARS barcodes, NAFTA certificates, etc. About the only thing we use an account for here is the final T2 tax return and the annual audit of trust accounts. Every other financial job falls to me, and has been my responsibility for several years now. If you are looking for somebody with a financial degree or somebody well versed in stocks, mutual funds, etc, that is not me. But if you want somebody well versed in day to day operation of a business, I would be your man. Also, I was treasurer of the LIHC in Old East for several years, so the specific issues related to a non-profit group are known to me. One last area of expertise that may or may not apply here. I am one of a small group of people who still actively shoot large format film cameras, and have an operating black & white darkroom. I personally have the facilities and skill to print 100 year old negatives and glass plates, should that ever be needed.**

Past contributions: **Previous Community Service; - President - London Funeral Directors Association; - President- London Centre, Royal Astronomical Society of Canada; - Auxiliary Constable London Police Service (15 years); - Treasurer, London Intercommunity health Centre in Old East (7 years) - member LACH (London Advisory Committee on Heritage)for many years, including serving as Chair; - heritage assistant to the Toronto Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada - specifically work regarding the heritage designation for the David Dunlap Observatory in Richmond Hill, ON Current Community Service; - member of Board of Directors for the St. Thomas On-Track Foundation (this is for saving the old railway bridge in St. Thomas and joining it to the Trans-Canada trail system)**

Interpersonal: **A lifetime of experience in dealing with people at their lowest point in life teaches one very quickly what to say and what not to say, and how to say it. Also some skill in talking to the media.**

Interview interest: **Yes**