**Committee: Eldon House Board of Directors** 

Organization/Sector represented:

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Occupation: retired Professor of Psychology

Work experience: for relevant experience since retirement see the attached sheet

Education: Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology

Skills: As the result of the knowledge gained through my involvement in the London and Middlesex Historical Association coupled with my publications on various matters dealing with local history, I believe I have the necessary background to help promote the importance of Eldon House in our community.

Interest reason: I visited Eldon House on many occasions over the years and I am extremely sympathetic with the need to preserve our local history. Therefore, I would welcome an opportunity to assist in the preservation and promotion of this very important property. Contributions: I believe I have the necessary background in the area of local history to help the staff make appropriate decisions concerning the future of Eldon House. Past contributions: Prior to retirement I served on many committees at the university in addition to being on the Board of Directors of the Canadian Psychological Association. Throughout this time I initiated a number of programs both at the local and national level. As an example of a national program, in the 1990s I started a Canadian version of the Head Start program to assist children at-risk for early school failure. At the local level, during the 1980s I was responsible for establishing the curriculum for the Art Therapy program at Western.

Interpersonal: As the result of my involvement on many university committees as well as local committees I have had considerable experience in the exchange of ideas with others. Although I have often encountered views that differ from my own, I am respectful of others and believe in the need to compromise in order to move ahead.

Interview interest: Yes