Committee: Cycling Advisory Committee

Organization/Sector represented: Member at large whom regularly cycles

Name: John Simpson

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Occupation: **Diesel Mechanic**

Work experience: School bus mechanic for Elgie Bus Lines for 2.5 years. Previous to that school bus mechanic for First Student Canada for 11 years.

Education: Fully licenced diesel mechanic for 14 years from Seneca and Durham College. Graduated high school with grade 12.

Skills: Bicycle to and from work 16km total daily 365 days a year across London streets. Experience in both street and mountain biking. Use trails at Fanshawe Conservation Area regularly. Also drive London streets in a car so see both cyclist and driver point of view.

Interest reason: To create a better place to cycle and to create a better understanding between cyclists and drivers inLondon. To work toward plans and policies that promote cycling but also also cyclists to travel alongside drivers safety in a way they will be respected and more accepted by drivers.

Contributions: I have experienced London streets and trails daily from a cyclist and driver perspective and understand the challenges and frustrations felt by both. I represent an example of a cyclist that tries to follow the rules of the road and trail and feel frustrated by those that don't and give cyclists a bad name.

Past contributions: Before moving to London 3 years ago I have never lived in a city that has had an opportunity like this. This will be my first opportunity to participate in a cycling committee.

Interpersonal: I exchange views and communicate with a variety of people daily through my workplace and my foreman can attest to my good communication skills. I also participate in conferences and workshops relating to real estate investing as a part time job. I feel only through listening and communicating well with other that change can happen in a positive way.

Interview interest: Yes