

Committee: **Police Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented: **Public**

Name: **Cora Waschkowski**

Occupation: **Self Employed - Small Business Owner**

Work experience: **I have spent almost 20 years in Finance coupled with experience as a Small Business owner for the last 13 years. I have worked in many different business sectors starting with Social Services after completing post secondary education.**

Education: **Educational background includes Social Services. After working in that field, I re-trained on-the-job and have been successfully employed in high finance for almost 20 years with a well known financial institution. As a single parent, I bought into and then took over a successful local, small business 13 years ago to supplement my income and save for my daughter's university education. I have been involved in community volunteering for many years, and I have worked in many different work sectors. I am very well spoken, an avid writer, and understand the value of shared experience as well as gain8ng insight from others.**

Skills: **My charity of choice which I support regularly through business contributions is My Sister's Place. I have always been interested in supporting London's Social issues, and have spent many years, learning about and volunteering in many of London's Social centres. I have a great interest in the law, and helping others. I advocate for those who may not be able to advocate for themselves, and I have great interest in helping advise on this very important and necessary Police Services Board.**

Interest reason: **One of my businesses is in the London Provincial Courthouse. In my many years in that building, I have seen first hand the great need for Police Services Committee in our city. I have had the pleasure to meet many Cadets, Police Officers and Sargents who I have been very interested in learning how they positively impact our community. I have had some personal experience with Police Services several years ago when I had to solicit the VERY necessary services of the I.C.E. Unit when my young daughter had some issues that were very concerning to me. At that time, we were given outstanding help and support, and from that time I have been extremely interested in becoming more involved in supporting London Police Services in some capacity.**

Contributions: **I believe that I have a great many experiences that would make me a valued member of this advisory board. I have used Police Services several times for different reasons the last 27 years that I have lived in London (I am 47). I am open-minded, a good listener, I have many years of running meetings as well as being a participant in meeting in my professional career. I understand the value of listening, considering and then responding. I am respectful and can remain unbiased when discussing all topics.**

Past contributions: **I have yet to serve on any City of London Advisory Boards, as I have been waiting for a posting for this particular Board. I have spent many years belonging to, and heading many community organizations. I am very comfortable with group participation.**

Interpersonal: **Please see the above two to three boxes as they speak to my comfortability participating in groups of all kinds. I am unbiased, respectful, I do not interrupt, and I understand the nuances of belonging to a group that meets regularly to discuss how things can be made better. I write well, I speak well, I am a natural advocate. Most importantly, I understand that the "sharing" of opinions and information among a council or board is crucial in moving ideas forward to help our community.**

Interview interest: **Yes**