

Committee: **London Public Library**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Brian Gibson**

Occupation: **Student**

Work experience: **I have worked for 4 years in politics working with various campaigns provincially and most recently municipally (including running my own campaign for TVDSB Trustee). I have/do work in the beverage alcohol industry and have for about 1.5 years. I also am also the Event Coordinator for a Banquet Facility in south London.**

Education: **I am currently a student at King's University College, majoring in Philosophy and minoring in Religion.**

Skills: **I understand how public entities (such as the Public Library) play their role in the community and serving the public. From past experience, I understand how vital these organizations (such as boards, committees, commissions, etc.) are to ensuring these public entities carry-out their duties to serving the public. I believe that I will be able to use my ability to bring together community engagement and community stake holders to continuing the success of the London Public Library in serving it's community.**

Interest reason: **I have been involved with several community organizations over the past few years. Along side running my own campaign in the last municipal election, and working with several other candidates, I have heard a lot of issues from the constituents of London over a variety of issues. I want to be able to continue to serve my community (in whatever capacity it may be) and address any issues that people might be having with any community organization it may be. This way I can ensure that I have done a part of my civic duty to give back to my community.**

Contributions: **I believe I can bring a fresh and new perspective to this organization/body. Coming from a different background and being involved in a multitude of different community oriented organizations/positions; I believe that I will be able to engage and address any new arising issues that the public may be having with this body. This way we can assure that this body is adapting and changing to the needs of a consistently more diversified population and community. By doing this, I believe that I will be able to help ensure that this body is carrying out its duties to serve it's population/community effectively and appropriately.**

Past contributions: **I have served with different community organizations by being involved and participating as a member of their governing boards, committees, councils, etc. I am currently the President-Elect of the Oakridge Optimists. I currently sit on the board of two Electoral District Associations in London West. In the past, I sat on the Arthur Ford Public School Parent Council for 2 years.**

Interpersonal: **My experience in this area comes from my involvement in politics. From working with candidates for provincial government and municipal government, I have participated in community oriented conversation in exchanging viewpoints and learning about new ideas in the community. I have done this through doing Door-to-Door canvassing, phone calls, community town halls, meet and greets and a variety of other community activities. Through doing this, I have been able to voice my opinions/ideas yet learn about others opinions/ideas and participate in debate/discussion in a civilized and effective manner.**

Interview interest: **Yes**