

Committee: **London Public Libray**

Organization/Sector represented: **none**

Name: **Jeanette Lewis**

Occupation: **retired since 2010**

Work experience: **2000 - 2010 Executive Director, Ontario Association of Children's Aid Societies 1990 - 2000 Executive Director, Kinark Child and Family Services, Toronto 1985-1990 Executive Director, Vanier Children's Services, London 1978 - 1985, Treatment Director, Vanier Children's Services, London 1972 - 1978 -- child and family therapist, Vanier Children's Services.**

Education: **Education includes: Master of Business Administration - Wilfrid Laurier University; Master of Social Work - McGill University; Bachelor of Arts - University of Saskatchewan. Until retirement, I was a social worker licensed by the Ontario College of Social Work**

Skills: **Extensive experience in advocacy for children, government relations, media relations, and public policy. Excellent understanding of board governance as I have worked for boards and served on municipal, provincial, and national boards. Competence in fiscal management and accountability of public funds. Good communication skills.**

Interest reason: **The London Public Library is one of places where every citizen is welcome and every citizen can find a place. Libraries offer a range of unique services beyond books that support children, new Canadians, elders, and people who feel disenfranchised. Through education, information, hospitality, and fun, the library system is unparalleled as a vehicle for building community in our city.**

Contributions: **I have experience, as a chief executive officer, working for a Board of Directors. I have also served on many boards including the Child Welfare League of Canada, Boys and Girls Clubs of Ontario, Children's Mental Health Ontario, Ontario Mental Health Foundation, and City of Markham Library Board. I have been trained in governance practices. I believe that public boards need to be accountable and transparent in service to the public and to elected officials who appoint them to office.**

Past contributions: **Before moving to London, I was appointed by the City of Markham to the Library board. I understand the Public Libraries Act as well as the structure and governance of public libraries in Ontario.**

Interpersonal: **In previous paid employment, I was privileged to work with people from many backgrounds as leader, follower, advocate, negotiator, and therapist. I have taken diversity training. I am a good listener and understand that people need to work together if boards are to make decisions and provide the leadership necessary to make an organization function appropriately.**

Interview interest: **Yes**