

Committee: **Committee of Adjustment**

Organization/Sector represented: N/A

Name: **Mark Conley**

Occupation: **retired June 2018**

Work experience: **33 years as a Real Estate Law Clerk, Conveyancer with W. Laird Thomas Law Firm (1972-1982); Brown, Beattie, O'Donovan Law Firm (1983-1991); Freelancer (1991-2000); Ministry of Transportation (2001-2005). 13 years as a Real Estate Officer with the Ministry of Transportation (2006-2018)**

Education: **Completion of all 4 credit courses offered by the Law Clerk Institute of Ontario (Real Estate Law, Corporate Law, Litigation and Wills & Estates). Numerous recent courses on Negotiating and Appraisal of Real Estate, including a course on Land Use Planning and Valuation.**

Skills: **Well-versed in interpreting Municipal zoning by-laws, regulations and official plans to determine permitted uses of land, the cornerstones of valuing Real Estate. During the years 1972-1991 I was involved in a number of minor variance applications during the "Hessell, MacIntosh" years, including the years where Mervyn Burgard presided over some of the hearings. During the period of 1972-1991 I was personally involved in interpreting zoning by-laws for set back, side yard, lot size and compliance with current use.**

Interest reason: **As a life-long resident of London, I have always kept myself informed of City Hall activities, including the Public Notices in the Londoner. I have always had a keen interest in Planning Applications particularly as they related to the proposed Plans of Subdivisions.**

Contributions: **I believe with my past experience working in Law firms and for the Ministry of Transportation, my background is well-suited to working with others in a team environment and offers credible insights and viewpoints to make informed decisions.**

Past contributions: **In the last 17 years at the Ministry of Transportation, I have been involved in a number of OMB hearings (predecessor to LPAT). I have also used my negotiation skills to avoid a number of potential OMB hearings.**

Interpersonal: **Between the years 1991 to 2001 I was self-employed as a freelance title-searcher/conveyancer. During this period of time I worked closely with lawyers and their staff to assist them in meeting tight deadlines and to problem solve title issues. In my last 13 years acting in the role of a Real Estate Officer with the Ministry of Transportation, I worked with senior management to recommend settlements with impacted property owners. I also met one-on-one with property owners whose properties were impacted with proposed highway improvements. During this process I was required to exchange information, listen to owners viewpoints and use my skills to reach an amicable solution.**

Interview interest: **Yes**