Committee: Committee of Adjustment

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: Steve Polhill

Occupation: Business Partner/ Automotive Technician RSE

Work experience: For the past 25 years as a small business partner, my work experience requires me to wear many different hats so to speak. On any given day I will switch from Hands on Technical issues, to Teacher, to Customer service representative. All skills I feel can be a valuable commodity on the C.O.A.

Education: Fanshawe College Graduate, Licensed Automotive Technician RSE Skills: I believe my past experience as a member and chair of the Committee of Adjustment, and Property Standards Committee, as well as my knowledge of City of London Procedures, Planning, and Bylaws, gives me the ability to step into a position on the Committee and contribute immediately, with no learning curve.

Interest reason: As a Lifelong Londoner and someone who has run for city council, I have always had a keen interest in City of London Planning issues, and I see the C.O.A. as a great way to contribute to the City I love

Contributions: As I mentioned previously, I believe my experience on the Committee of Adjustment, my knowledge of City Planning procedures and as a small business partner gives me the unique ability to weigh both sides of an issue. My daily experience gives me the ability to simplify sometimes complicated and technical issues and convey them in a straightforward and concise way. I believe this will allow me to contribute to the committee in a meaningful and immediate way.

Past contributions: I have served as a past member and Chair of the C.O.A. and Property Standards Committee. I have also served on London's EEPAC Committee, served as President of the Optimist Club of London East and as Lt. Governor for the Mid Western Ontario District of Optimist International. I currently serve on the Board of Directors for HOBY(Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership) Canada, and as Vice President for the Optimist Club of London East.

Interpersonal: My day to day dealings as a business partner requires me to explain sometimes technical issues to clients in a simple, concise, and straightforward manner. While dealing with disconcerted clients in a polite and respectful manner. Also as someone that has sat on and chaired several committee's and organizations I have the experience of having to moderate and lead a group of people with differing opinions and personalities while respecting each individual's unique set of abilities and knowledge as it pertains to a given issue.

Interview interest: Yes