

Committee: **Eldon House**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Joseph O'Neil**

Occupation: **Funeral director**

Work experience: **Licensed funeral director since 1982 Managing Director of O'Neil Funeral Home for past 10 years I manage accounting including payroll and government forms; Former private pilot, now currently professional UAV / Drone Pilot. I was granted on 22 Oct 2018 my Canada wide SFOC (Special Flight Operating Certificate) from Transport Canada; Semi-professional photographer for 35 years, everything from large format sheet film to digital processing on my iMac with latest software, including 360 degree panoramas;**

Education: **Humber College - funeral service course, 2 years; Harvs Air School, professional UAV ground course; Current holder of a restricted radio operators license (aeronautical) from Industry Canada;**

Skills: **Knowledge of the history of this area, working in the heritage community. My photography skills have been used widely for Eldon House in the past.**

Interest reason: **London has a deep, amazing history that just is not being told. People tend to treat Canadian history like "eating your vegetables" at dinner when you are a kid. Something you "have to do". The reality is, our history is amazing.**

Contributions: **The one amazing unique thing about Eldon House is all the history - written and photographic - is from a woman's point of view. Look at all written history. 99% of it, old, new, any country, any language, is all written by men. From a practical point of view, women see event differently than men, and this allows a better view of the big picture. On this basis alone, Eldon House should be a national historic site, just like Banting House.**

Past contributions: **Currently vice Chair of Eldon House; Past treasurer of Eldon House for 8 years; Currently member of the Board of Directors for STEP - St. Thomas Elevated Park (the big bridge you see on your way to Port Stanley); Past member of LACH, also past Chair of LACH; Past recipient Mayors honour roll award for heritage Past vice Chair of the Fugitive Slave Chapel Preservation Project; Past treasurer of the London Intercommunity Health Centre for 8 years; Past Auxiliary Constable, London Police Service for 15 years; Past official photographer for Project Ojibway (the submarine down at Port Burwell); Past President, London Centre, Royal Astronomical of Canada; Past president, London and Area Sysop Association (this was before the internet);**

Interpersonal: **Many years experience on other committees and groups , as seen above.**

Interview interest: **Yes**