

Committee: **Police Services Board**

Organization/Sector represented: **None**

Name: **Matthew Reid**

Occupation: **Lawyer**

Work experience: **Lawyer with Cohen Highley LLP, becoming a Partner as of January 1st. Currently the Chair of the Thames Valley District School Board for the last 2 years and was a Trustee for London Wards 2-6 for the last 5 years.**

Education: **2009 - B.A. (Hons) from Western University 2012 - J.D. from University of Ottawa Faculty of Law 2013 - Called to the Ontario Bar**

Skills: **I have interacted with LPS through the school board. Have a background in governance of large organizations and a legal background that would help assist the organization. I have specialized knowledge in budgeting, policy development, employment and HR issues and constituency management from the school board that would be an asset. I also have the time now that my term with the school board is coming to an end.**

Interest reason: **The Police Services Board is an important organization for our community that can help create a safe and inclusive city. While you usually only hear of the negative stories, I know the work our police officers do in our schools, in the community and at places like the children's safety village have a direct and meaningful impact on our community. I would love to bring my background and experience to help this board move into the future.**

Contributions: **I will dedicate the time and energy needed to be an effective board member, to learn the organization from the ground up and be collaborative with fellow board members and senior staff. I believe my background and experiences could help assist this board with upcoming challenges and help connect the London Police with community organizations that are working towards similar goals.**

Past contributions: **As previously stated, I was the Trustee for Wards 2-6 and Chair for the last 2 years of the TVDSB. I've also served on the Board of Governors of Western from 2006-2008. I've also served on dozens of committees with these two organizations. I also have been on various community and charity boards such as Regional HIV/AIDS Connection and the Community Safety and Crime Prevention advisory committee from 2010-2013.**

Interpersonal: **As Chair of the school board, a lot of what I did was trying to collaborate and bring the team of Trustees together on initiatives. We had lively debates and did not always agree, but there was a level of respect that helped the organization continue to thrive and move on from various issues. I have always believed a strong team has diversity of backgrounds and opinions and what is important is there continues to be a level of respect regardless of debates and differences of opinion.**

Interview interest: **Yes**