

Committee: **London Transit Commission**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Cedric Richards**

Occupation: **Grocery Clerk**

Work experience: **Since 2008, I have worked in the dairy department of Metro in Cherryhill Village Mall. For most of the last 6 years, alongside Metro, I have worked in the legal field. In law, I have worked as a court runner and a legal assistant.**

Education: **From 2010 to 2016, I attended Fanshawe College. I successfully completed the Accounting, Law Clerk, Entrepreneurship, and Paralegal Programs. I completed one semester of co-op during Law Clerk and a placement during Paralegal. After completion of the Paralegal program, I completed and passed the Paralegal Licensing Exam in October 2016. I obtained a Paralegal license but subsequently administratively surrendered it in February 2017.**

Skills: **I am a transit rider, often hitching my bike on the front rack. I have used transit for at least 20 years in this city as well as others. I have had a monthly pass for nearly every month since December 2016. Lived experience needs to be a priority when considering appointments to the Commission. I also read much of the reports, especially the planning ones, that are part of the monthly agendas. As our previous mayor, Joni Baechler, emphatically states, reading reports is essential before making a decision on an issue.**

Interest reason: **I am interested in serving the City of London on the London Transit Commission because community service is the price one pays to live somewhere. I believe that serving in "the system" is one of the best ways to effect change.**

Contributions: **While not speaking for everyone, I believe I can be some sort of a voice of the average transit rider. This could provide some balance alongside other roles that are filled in the discourse on transit.**

Past contributions: **I have served two terms as an elected member of the London Youth Advisory Council for 2014-2015 and 2015-2016. I was the point person for knowledge of transportation and municipal government. I also worked with YouthREX on an evaluation strategy for the council.**

Interpersonal: **During my time as a youth councillor, I made it a priority to listen to everyone else before forming an opinion and stating my own, because nobody (including me) has a monopoly on a good idea.**

Interview interest: **Yes**