

Committee: **Middlesex-London Health Unit 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 was on the Regional HIV/AIDS Connection Board for 5 years, 3 as the Treasurer. Also have interacted with public health nurses 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 Health Unit is doing some innovative and amazing things to benefit the community. Initiatives such as the Supervised Injection Site were things being discussed and planned when I was on the RHAC board and I'd like to see them continue. I'd like to use my background and skills to help organizations that are having an impact on our community.**

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 Health Unit with community organizations that are working towards similar goals.**

Past contributions: **As previously stated I was the Treasurer of RHAC. Also the Trustee for Wards 2-6 and Chair of the School Board for the last 2 years. The TVDSB is a large organization with 8,200 employees and a budget of \$975 million. The Health unit is a large organization and often interacts with the school board.**

Interpersonal: **As Chair 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**