

Committee: **Kettle Creek Conservation Authority**

Organization/Sector represented: **City Of London**

Name: **Bill Mackie**

Occupation: **Property Superintendent**

Work experience: **I have been employed by the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority for 41 years and have held various positions all related to the environmental, conservation and property management field. I have worked in parks and was a parks manager for 20 years so understand that operation well. I also have a good understanding of what Conservation Authorities do in general, such as flood control, tree planting, water quality, species at risk work, and working on projects involving community groups. I'm designated as a Provincial Offences Officer able to lay charges when required under the Conservation Authorities Act and Trespass to Property Act. I also have an interest in Health and Safety and have been a management representative on my workplace Health & Safety Committee for over 20 years. Prior to working for the Conservation Authority, I was employed by the Ministry of Natural Resources for 3 years.**

Education: **I have taken dozens of courses and training seminars relating to environment and recreational topics. I have been licensed for chemical spraying for invasive plant species and for tree planting. I also have a Certified Playground Inspectors designation.**

Skills: **I have been a Board Member for the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority for the past eight years and have been Chair of that Board for 2 of those years. Therefore I have an awareness of the history of the organization. In my work life I deal with many community groups and have been able to successfully facilitate meetings and communicate with the groups to complete many projects successfully and timely. I communicate well and have the ability to listen to others and relate to what they are saying in both one on one situations and in group sessions and feel this would be a good asset to bring back to this organization.**

Interest reason: **There have been many changes in the conservation field over the past few years such as a complete review and implementation of the Conservation Authorities Act by the Provincial Government. With these changes comes some new responsibilities which will make the next few years important while all Conservation Authorities make the transition in the way they do business. I feel I can contribute to these changes and do what is best for the City of London and its residents as a member of the Board at the Conservation Authority.**

Contributions: **This past municipal election has taken away over half of the board members and I feel it is in the best interest of the Kettle Creek Conservation Authority to retain some past members so the way things are done remain consistent and all the progress made in the past few years is not lost.**

Past contributions: **I have worked with many volunteer organizations over my life in the small community where I lived before moving to London and feel I can contribute my time and energy to these. I believe that volunteers are a huge part of the success of a community.**

Interpersonal: **I have always valued other opinions and felt that everyone should have a voice in the decision making of important issues. That has been my philosophy all my life. I believe that communication can either make or break a relationship which is why I always listen to others before I make a decision in something and that has worked very well for me in my work career. Thank-you for the opportunity to serve London in the past two terms and for the opportunity to apply to serve for one further term.**

Interview interest: **Yes**