

Committee: **London Public Library Board**

Organization/Sector represented: N/A

Name: **Dan MacLeod**

Occupation: **Telecommunications field technician**

Work experience: **I've been working as both a residential and commercial telecommunications field technician in the London area for more than 10 years.**

Education: **I've been working in a skilled trade for more than a decade now, but never attended post-secondary. I have achieved and continue to earn certifications related to my field of work. I enjoy the ongoing education that is required to stay current, efficient, safe, and knowledgeable.**

Skills: **I spend every day working in the homes and business' of a large and diverse portion of the city. Working with them, understanding how to relate to them and create a connection, is how I help people stay connected to the world and help them solve their problems**

Interest reason: **I've been a lifelong devotee of public libraries my entire life, and of reading. With more and more children becoming a part of my life, I want to make sure that the public libraries I enjoyed as a child can be enjoyed by them as well, and, selfishly, by me as I get older.**

Contributions: **I'm eager to help connect the public with what services and programs the library has to offer. As a connection to other people, as a means of continuing education or helping in the job hunt, the library is important and necessary in today's society, and I want to help people realize that. Helping to choose the direction the library will take in the future is a big responsibility and one that I am qualified to help with.**

Past contributions: **I've been a member of my employer's union for some time now but have only recently realised that I need to help this city however I can, as best I can.**

Interpersonal: **Connecting with someone in their own home, on their turf, and making them feel comfortable, is a skill I've developed over the years. Whether there's a language barrier, mental or physical health issues, or a person who feels let down by their telcomm, forging a relationship with everyone I meet is a necessity to accomplish my goals. I participate in several recreational sports teams in the city, and teach my fellow technicians new job-related skills. Both of these parts of my life help me connect with and respect people. Playing on a dodgeball team in my 30's has given me a means of understanding disappointment and loss, victory, and compromise. Teaching my fellow technicians new skill sets is a challenge as we're colleagues but, while I'm teaching them, I need them to see me as an educator. It's a skill that I'm still learning but am getting better at with time. I've found the best way to get my fellow technicians to listen to me is to understand that the skills and knowledge they bring to the classroom can only help themselves and myself improve.**

Interview interest: **Yes**