

Committee: **London Public Library**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Donna Vachon**

Occupation: **Retired**

Work experience: **Retired June, 2018 from Thames Valley District School Board (25 years) in the role of secondary school vice principal for eleven years. Prior to 1992, additional relevant employment included self employment as a real estate broker, commercial lending officer with Continental Bank (Windsor/Toronto) and National Trust (Toronto), and sessional instructor at the University of Windsor, Faculty of Business.**

Education: **Honour Bachelor of Arts, Psychology Master of Business Administration, Finance and Administration Bachelor of Education**

Skills: **Serving on two municipal boards, London Public Library and Museum London, has deepened my understanding of, and appreciation for, the importance of public governance. I have participated in the development of strategic plans for both organizations and been involved in the performance appraisal process for the CEO of the Library.**

Interest reason: **In addition to being an ardent user of library services, I am also an advocate for, and supporter of the benefits that the library provides to the community. It is important to serve my community and have a voice in an organization that provides Londoners with such an important resource.**

Contributions: **In my seven years as a member of the London Public Library board I have been committed to my duties and responsibilities, regularly participating in events and library-related celebrations. Like-minded, I am a progressive thinker who explores new ways to engage and meet the needs of Londoners.**

Past contributions: **2010-2014 TVDSB appointee to LPL - strategic planning including public participation, performance evaluation process for CEO, capital improvement fundraising and liaison for Friends of the Library for four years. 2007-2015 Committee of Youth Officers for the Province of Ontario, education sector representative. December 2015 to present, City of London appointee to LPL (3 years). 2015 to present, Museum London operating board member appointed by LPL. In this role I have participated in strategic planning and fundraising for the Centre of the Forks campaign.**

Interpersonal: **In my role of secondary school administrator, my responsibilities closely aligned with those of an LPL board member - to work cooperatively and collaboratively with all stakeholder groups to meet the educational, informational and cultural needs of those I served, fostering inclusion, engagement and building community partnerships. Working with culturally and socioeconomically diverse populations at HB Beal and Oakridge Secondary School required me to be open-minded, an effective listener and problem solver, and an initiator and supporter of opportunities for inclusiveness and engagement. While leadership skills were important, teamwork was integral, particularly in a school of more than 2000 students.**

Interview interest: **Yes**