

Committee: **ACCAC**

Organization/Sector represented: **Parent of an adult with a disability**

Name: **Jacqueline Madden**

Occupation: **mother**

Work experience: **Currently serve as chair of ACCAC and have been a member for more than 3 years, board member of Hutton House, board member of London Blizzard sledge hockey and volunteer at TVCC.**

Education: **BScN, McMaster University 1987**

Skills: **Lived experience for past 26 years as parent of a son with spina bifida and hydrocephalus. Have served on Parent Advisory council at Children's hospital in Calgary, vice chair of special education parent advisory council in Round Rock, Texas. Have navigated health care, education and infrastructure systems in 3 countries (Canada, US and Australia) giving me a broad perspective.**

Interest reason: **I feel we have made some progress with ACCAC over the past few years and would like to build on the relationships we have established in the City and the community to continue to enhance the lives of people with disabilities in the City of London.**

Contributions: **I have a wealth of lived experience and also a practical approach to problem solving. I believe in collaboration and consultation as the most effective way of solving problems and aim to build relationships to help find creative solutions.**

Past contributions: **Have been a member of ACCAC for 3+ years and chair for the past year. It has taken much of this time to learn the bureaucracy of City Hall and the people and departments that are responsible for the different areas. I would hope to use this knowledge in order to effectively advise the City on issues related to accessibility.**

Interpersonal: **I would hope that I have shown myself to be thoughtful, collaborative and respectful in my role over the past 3 years. I tend to lean on my fellow committee members in their areas of expertise as I cannot possibly know everything about all areas of accessibility and the issues and laws surrounding them. I rely on our talented team to use their combined knowledge in order to provide useful advice to the City.**

Interview interest: **Yes**