



Application for Appointment to City of London Advisory Committees

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Please complete all fields. You may save and email your completed application to advisorycommittee@london.ca, or you may print it and mail it to the City Clerk's Office, London City Hall, PO Box 5035, London ON N6A 4L9.

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Application

I am interested in serving on the following committee(s):

☐ Accessibility Advisory Committee

Do you have a disability? ☐ Yes ☐ No

☐ Advisory Committee on the Environment

☐ Agricultural Advisory Committee

☐ Animal Welfare Advisory Committee

☐ Childcare Advisory Committee

☐ Community Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory Committee

☐ Cycling Advisory Committee

☐ Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Oppression Advisory Committee

☐ Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee

☐ London Advisory Committee on Heritage

☐ London Housing Advisory Committee

☐ Transportation Advisory Committee

☐ Trees and Forests Advisory Committee

Contact Information

Name	Phone Number		
Address	City	Province	Postal Code
E-mail			

Experience and Qualifications

If you have experience on a London Advisory Committee, please provide dates and details. (maximum 750 characters, attach an extra sheet if you need more space)

What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of an Advisory Committee? (maximum 750 characters, attach an extra sheet if you need more space)



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How will you support the work of an Advisory Committee? (maximum 750 characters, attach an extra sheet if you need more space)

Please describe additional experience, training, or community involvement that will help you in your role as an Advisory Committee Member. (maximum 750 characters, attach an extra sheet if you need more space)

Confirmations

I declare the following:

- ☐ I am a resident of London.
- ☐ I am at least 18 years old.
- ☐ I am not a City employee or Council member.
- ☐ I understand that the commitment may be up to 4 hours per month to attend meetings and prepare.
I understand that my application will be included on a public agenda that is published on the City website.

By submitting this application for consideration, you are declaring that the information in your application is true.

The City of London has a strong commitment to workplace diversity and inclusion, and this commitment extends to our Advisory Committee appointments. An inclusive workplace creates a more supportive environment and ultimately helps us to provide better service to our diverse community.

Municipal Council approves all appointments. The appointment process is governed by [Council's policy on Advisory Committees](#). For more information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 519-661-2489, ext. 4599.

(Optional) How did you hear about this opportunity?

City website

Social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter)

Contact from the City Clerk's Office

Friend or co-worker

Printed newspaper advertisement

Other - specify

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Montana Hackett

What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of an Advisory Committee? (maximum 750 characters, attach an extra sheet if you need more space)

A large part of my life thus far has been designed around driving positive change for my peers and future students at the University of Western Ontario. This included making campus a safer place for folks from all walks of life. I will provide my expertise and perspective as a young person who has grown up in London, has seen both the good and the bad concerning safety, and has a vested interest in making sure our community is the safest it can be for all Londoners. My perspective is inherently valuable to the committee because understanding the values and goals of the next generation of London's leadership is paramount to ensuring the long-term goals of the committee are maintained and developed over time.

From the standpoint of what I hope to learn from my experience on an advisory committee, as a young person living in London I have been looking for ways to have my voice heard in a more direct way in order to manifest tangible and lasting change in the community I live in and love. Advisory committees represent the "coming together" of key stakeholder and community representatives to develop evidence- and expertise-based recommendations for City Council. While I am quite familiar with the procedure of committee and working group from my time at Western, I am eager to see our committee recommendations translate over to City policy and to interact with as many London stakeholders as possible with the shared goal of making our city a safe place to learn, grow, and thrive.

I bring the perspective of a Londoner that still has 60+ years of living in London to look forward to. This means that I am looking well into the future of the city's safety and crime prevention, but also greatly value the shorter term changes that this committee can create. I hope to bring both perspectives to this advisory committee so that City Council is getting a well rounded perspective informed with evidence and consultation. This perspective complements the experts and other community members on the panel and I look forward to working with them to make our community safer.

How will you support the work of an Advisory Committee? (maximum 750 characters, attach an extra sheet if you need more space)

As the youth representative or one of the members-at-large on this committee, I am not considered an "expert" in the same way the London Police Chief would be; however, my role on this committee as a voting member is not to be an expert in this regard, it is to offer the

perspective of Londoners who are demanding change to make our community safer. I can offer this perspective in several important ways.

As a London resident who went to both a London elementary school and high school and then graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a Bachelor of Medical Sciences (and hopefully will be attending the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry for undergraduate medical education in the fall), I have seen first hand the many examples of what past Safety and Crime Prevention committees have been involved in developing for the youth in our community and how this has changed and improved as I have grown up.

The fundamental role of an advisory committee is to use the expertise of the voting and non-voting membership to guide our recommendations to City Council. What is most important here is that, as a member of this committee, it will be a standard of practice to gather opinions on the recommendations we are making from general community members. I have experience in representing people on committees similar to this at Western and have a proven track record of collecting the thoughts of community members on particular issues so that the opinion I present is informed both by the experts and the layperson. This is a fundamental obligation of a member of any representative body or committee and I understand its importance to this committee's mandate as outlined in the Terms of Reference. We are, after all, making recommendations on behalf of the community.

Finally, my role on this committee is to provide the opinion and insight of a community member at large. Strong safety and crime prevention policy as well as educational practices in our community are pivotal to the success of our city both economically and as a place to call home. This has never been more apparent now with initiatives like Safe Cities London showcasing not only how sexual harassment/violence manifests in our community, but also the areas we can target to combat it. As young Londoner, I was not even remotely shocked by the data this initiative provided because I have seen first hand the impact it has on my peers and the stories thereof. This is the type of perspective I can bring to the committee because, as a young London resident, I want and need my city to become safer for myself and my fellow Londoners.

Please describe additional experience, training, or community involvement that will help you in your role as an Advisory Committee Member. (maximum 750 characters, attach an extra sheet if you need more space)

I bring a wealth of experience specific to the role of a community member-at-large or the youth representative on the committee. I have highlighted my education and upbringing in London previously, but I also can provide experience working in a similar committee environment.

I was very involved at my time at Western, particularly in student politics and student representative on the Faculty and University levels. On the Faculty level, I represented student interests as a member of the Bachelor of Medical Sciences Undergraduate Education Committee, where I provided the student voice and input to administrators and chairs of the Medical

Sciences program in the Schulich School of Medicine and Dentistry. This role was similar to the advisory committee role because I was providing my perspective as someone who had gone through and experienced many of the programs and issues being discussed. When I did not personally have experience I could lend, I searched out peers that did in order to inform my opinion before returning to committee to discuss. This made the information I was providing informed and relevant. This experience provides me with many of the skills required for success on the Advisory committee with reference specifically to Terms of Reference Mandate points three and four.

This past year, I was the Chair of the Student Support Committee on the Faculty of Science Students' Council. This committee developed initiatives based around mental and physical wellness and aimed to inform, encourage, and educate students about the safe health practices and resources they can take advantage of at Western and in the city of London. As chair, I was responsible for overseeing all committee discussions, events, and partnerships including the Western Perspective Project, a Western-wide community campaign built around destigmatizing failure in all its forms that got considerable traction on social media and campus media outlets. I also was responsible for working with organizations and departments on campus in partnership to develop these initiatives and ensure they were as representative and informed as possible. Again, this experience provides me with the skills needed for success on the Advisory committee specifically to Terms of Reference Mandate points one, two, and four.

I was also a member of the University Students' Council (USC) Academic Priorities Committee, a inter-faculty committee that meets with university stakeholders to discuss academic issues on campus including the self-declared illness policy that was recently passed on University Senate floor. As a member of this committee, I was responsible for representing the Faculty of Science and the interests of its students. This committee is directly comparable to my desired role on the Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory committee because it functions in a similar way. On this committee, we have a membership that is diverse and representative of the university, just like the Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory committee does; we discuss critical issues pertaining to university academic policy and develop recommendations to the USC and Senate, similarly to how the Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory committee develops recommendations for City Council.

These experiences are all examples of the expertise and work ethic I can provide the Safety and Crime Prevention Advisory committee with particular emphasis on the transferable skills that will allow me to flourish on this committee and represent the ideas and issues concerning safety and crime prevention that matter to Londoners.