

Committee: **Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Leanne Grieves**

Occupation: **PhD candidate**

Work experience: **Endangered species biologist (Wildlife Preservation Canada); field technician; team lead on field biology research projects in both Canada and Puerto Rico; biology teaching assistant, lab instructor and field course co-instructor for various university courses; biology teaching liason for grades 4 through 12.**

Education: **BSc and MSc degrees in biology (specialization in ecology & evolution), currently a 4th year PhD in biology (2020 graduation).**

Skills: **My education and research background in biology and ecology and experience conducting research and leading field teams, as well as experience in public speaking and communication make me a great fit for this committee.**

Interest reason: **I would also like to gain more experience in local politics and apply my biology expertise to local issues; this committee will be a great way to get first hand experience in environmental and ecological planning. On a more personal level, I regularly use the ESAs and natural areas of London and Ontario more broadly, and would like to ensure their careful and effective management.**

Contributions: **I hope to use my educational background and first-hand experience in London's natural areas to ensure effective management of these and other areas in London. I would also like to see more environmental education and local issues being brought to the public's attention in a positive and goal-oriented way.**

Past contributions: **I am a current member of the Western University Council on Animal Care and a former member of the Society of Biology Graduate Students' Seminar Committee.**

Interpersonal: **As a current and former member of university committees, I have first-hand experience communicating in diverse groups. I completed Western University's diversity and inclusivity training modules and am a mentor to several undergraduate and graduate students, who all have varying levels of skill and experience. I have also presented my research at many local, national and international biology conferences, as well as having given talks to general audiences.**

Interview interest: **Yes**