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.

The personal information on this form is collected under the authority of the *Municipal Act, 2001* and will be used to assist the Municipal Council in selecting appointees for various Advisory Committees, and will be included on a public agenda that is published on the City's website. Questions about this collection may be referred to the City Clerk, 300 Dufferin Avenue, London ON; Tel: 519-661-2489 ext. 4937.

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)

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

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)

As a life-long resident of the City, it would mean the most to me to be able to apply my academic learning and professional skills to support decision making processes that work to benefit the city that I am from. I hope to contribute by providing recommendations based on scientific knowledge. In addition, I hope to gain a better understanding of how municipal decision making occurs.

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

The determination to find solutions to the current problems faced by the public and our surrounding environment has driven me to complete my undergraduate degree in Honors Biology and Environmental Science and to continue my studies in the Masters of Environment and Sustainability offered by Western University. With my academic and professional background in Biological and Environmental Sciences, I wish to support the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee by broadening the scope of information used in decision making while maintaining alliance to the City's official Strategic Plan. I can do this by using my cooperative skills, that I have developed with my involvement in many interdisciplinary group projects and work settings, and my scientific knowledge of the surrounding land and freshwater ecosystems in discussions.

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Relevant courses and experiences have equipped me with the relevant knowledge and analytical skills to understand the challenges and opportunities faced by the surrounding ecology of the London area. My experiences have also given me the ability to recognize the importance of balancing environmental and socio-economic objectives in decision making and planning.

Academic projects, like the Best Practices for Climate Change Resilience in the Municipality of St. Catharines report (2019), where I led and worked with an interdisciplinary team, required the consideration of ecological and socio-political aspects to conduct a gap-analysis and best-practices scan to increase the City's resilience while respecting their priorities and promoting their values. As part of a team, I had compiled a list of the most feasible and effective recommendations the City could incorporate into its policy and infrastructure to minimize negative environmental impacts while improving their climate change resilience. The evaluation of such an academic project depended on my aptitude to deliver on commitments and to effectively communicate scientific and technical information to both knowledgeable and non-expert audiences.

My experience in communication is not limited to the written word in the form of reports; I have also gained skills through communicative liaison positions. Extensive experience in communication and engagement where I have volunteered for community liaison roles for ReForest London, a local non-profit organization, and *The River Talks*, an ecological conference pertaining to Indigenous relations, has enabled my capacity to connect and communicate with community and team members coming from diverse backgrounds. My research and interpersonal communication abilities have proven to be transferable to all work environments.

Currently, I'm making use of my research and communications skills with my work as a Conservation Lands Assistant at the Lower Thames Valley Conservation Authority. This opportunity has given me first-hand experience in informing decision making based on the terrestrial and freshwater ecology of Southern Ontario. I have been able to understand research with a transdisciplinary perspective - an approach which is important in supporting decision making given the involvement of many stakeholders and the complexity of environmental issues.