

Report to Planning and Environment Committee

To: Chair and Members
Planning & Environment Committee

From: George Kotsifas, P. Eng.
Managing Director, Development & Compliance Services &
Chief Building Official

Subject: Candidate Approval for the Urban Design Peer Review Panel

Meeting on: January 6, 2020

Recommendation

That, on the recommendation of the Director, Development Services, the following candidates **BE APPROVED** for the positions, listed below, on the Urban Design Peer Review Panel:

- a) Tim Wickens – Position of Architect
- b) Leo Xuan-Yi Lin– Position of Architect
- c) Michael Davis – Position of Planner

Rationale

On November 26, 2012, Planning and Environment Committee approved a revised Terms of Reference for the Urban Design Peer Review Panel. The revised Terms of Reference outlined the makeup of the Panel with the following positions: three (3) Architects and three (3) other professionals that influence the design of the built environment and are registered in their field; these fields include, in order of preference, Landscape Architecture, Urban Design, Planning or other professional fields that influence the design of the built environment. The Terms of Reference also staggered the terms of Panel appointees to balance the Panel's representation between a desire for consistency of operation while allowing for fresh perspectives. The Terms of Reference indicates Panel members are to be approved by Council upon the recommendation of administration.

Panel members serve a two (2) year term from the date of their appointment and shall not sit for two consecutive terms. On December 31, 2019, the identified term limits expire for three (3) of the panelists. At this application cycle, the positions required to be filled are for two (2) architects and one (1) professional that influences the design of the built environment.

The applications from the recommended candidates are included in Appendix A. All other candidate applications are included in Appendix B.

Overall, the recommended candidates noted in this report provide a full complement of expertise in the various disciplines. The overall collective experience of the candidates will assist the City as we move forward and continue the value of the Panel within the development approvals process.

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<p>Note: The opinions contained herein are offered by a person or persons qualified to provide expert opinion. Further detail with respect to qualifications can be obtained from Development Services</p>	

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cc: Heather McNeely, Manager, Development Services (Site Plans)
cc: Michael Pease, Manager, Development Planning

Appendix A

Name: Tim Wickens

Occupation: Architect

Work experience:

Ian Macdonald Architect, Hariri Pontarini Architects, Tim Wickens Architect, Nicholson Sheffield. Residential and institutional mainly. Studio Adjunct Prof at Waterloo, Guest at Uoft and Ryerson.

Education:

Professional BArch, Post-professional MArch, OAA, MRAIC

Skills:

Studio Professor, Independent Study of Housing and Urbanism in the Netherlands, Current profession focus on multi-unit residential in the City of London.

Interest reason:

Get to know the city, be involved in the community, make a contribution.

Contributions:

Constructive architectural and urban design critique

Past contributions:

Nothing directly applicable. Served on interview panel for Waterloo admissions, judged for Canadian Interiors Magazine Awards and Marvin Window Student Design Awards. OAA Mentorship Program.

Interpersonal:

Design lead for joint venture projects, taught in various design studios at the University of Waterloo School of Architecture, guest critic and lecturer at U of T and Ryerson. Required to recognize design intent and innate qualities of a project and offer advice based on a it's own merits.

Interview interest: Yes

Name: Leo Xuan-Yi Lin

Occupation: Architect

Work Experience:

I am a practicing Architect and Urban Designer, currently working as an Associate at Giannone Petricone Associates Architects (GPA). Over the course of my 5+ years at GPA, I have led an extensive range of projects from the design of large multi-phased community masterplans to mid-scaled mixed-use projects to modest infill developments. Most of these projects have an emphasis on utilizing public realm to drive built form in creating a unique urban culture. I also have both international and domestic experience in hospitality interior projects for restaurants and hotels. Previous to my employment with GPA, I worked for a number of years at LGA Architectural Partners designing and seeing through the construction of mid-to-large scale institutional and publicly funded projects in and around the GTA. This portfolio of work includes the Toronto Public Library, Woodgreen Community Services Housing, Region of Simcoe Senior Supportive Housing, and Bradford Public School. During my internship years between my Bachelor and Masters degrees, I had the great pleasure and opportunity to work in Taiwan, Beijing and Shanghai on large masterplan proposals for projects in China and the UAE. In addition to my role at GPA, most recently I have worked as a Sessional Lecturer at Daniels Faculty of Architecture, Landscape, and Design, teaching undergraduate level Design Studios. Some of the relevant projects I am currently leading are: • Brightwater Community in Port Credit, Mississauga • Golden Mile Redevelopment, Scarborough • Cumberland Square (Cumberland Terrace Renewal Proposal), Toronto • Daniels City of the Arts, East Bayfront Toronto

Education:

I am an OAA licensed Architect. My educational background includes Master of Architecture at University of Toronto, and Bachelor of Environmental Studies for School of Planning at University of Waterloo, with a specialization in Urban Design.

Skills:

I am a practicing Architect and Urban Designer who received education in both respective disciplines.

- I have a wide range of professional experience in various building types and in multiple phases from site planning to building construction.
- I have worked on urban design projects located in Ontario and overseas in Asia.
- Many of my current and past projects involve highly mixed-use program on very complex and important city sites where the design approach emphasizes a great public realm contribution. All of these projects require working with the local community and ratepayer groups, municipal and regional departments, and government officials from the rezoning stage to site plan approvals to permit applications.
- I have prepared multiple Design Review presentations for various boards and committees, all of which have received unanimous approvals.
- I have prepared and presented Urban Design Guidelines to the City of Mississauga for our masterplan at Brightwater Community.
- I am familiar with provincial planning policies, various bylaws and urban design guidelines from Toronto and surrounding municipalities, as well as the Ontario Building Code.

Interest reason:

I believe urban design excellence should be upheld in all Canadian municipalities as one of the main pillars to great city planning; regardless of its history, size, or demographics. I have always been interested in the practice of planning and urban design in mid-sized cities such as London, beginning with my studies at Waterloo. I also have gained first-hand experience through working with smaller municipalities like Mississauga and learned how much urban design can play a role in taking a very different approach to what one would expect in a large city like Toronto. These discussions have further broadened my interest in contributing to smaller but equally important municipalities. As our province continues to grow, I believe cities like London are presented with a unique opportunity to equip itself to provide higher quality of life, better places to work, learn, live and play. Urban Design excellence combined with effective planning framework can play a tremendous role in shaping how London can be one of the best cities in Canada to live. I would welcome the opportunity to be involved included on this Panel.

Contributions:

Being both an Architect and an Urban Designer, I believe I can help bridge between the inside and the outside; and contribute to strengthen the relationship between the inherent interior program with its surrounding context. Through my own work, I have developed a profound understanding in the challenges of applying strict design guideline principles to every unique site and program. As a member of this body, I will aim to provide creative insights that could achieve balance in both disciplines.

Past contributions:

Perhaps not so dissimilar to an Urban Design Peer Review Panel, I am a recurring guest critic at a number of local universities such as University of Waterloo, University of Toronto, and OCAD University. I have also taught Design Studios at University of Toronto in which regular discussions between the students and I with the other instructors are required to ensure the project is at its highest design standard. I have also helped organize and served to advised on a design competition that was held for one of the Masterplan projects I was leading.

Interpersonal:

As an Architect and Urban Designer, we solve complex problems that require skills and expertise from many other disciplines; including city staffs, clients, consultants, contractors and various trades etc. Many of my own projects, due to its large scale and multiple phases, it is quite common for us to work with other architects on achieving the same overall vision and ensuring consistency in the public realm experience. Some projects such as the Brightwater Community in Mississauga, we are tasked with the role of being the Master Architect, and one of the roles as the Master Architect is to peer review and comment on other architects' work in this community. This is a highly productive process to ensure a high quality of design and a diversity of style and opinion is ultimately achieved. Within the organization of my firm, my role as an Associate also requires me to lead a design team with a portfolio of ten to fifteen ongoing projects of various scales and types. I am routinely required to critique the work of my staff, often delivering difficult messages while ensuring respect and positivity for their ideas and the work involved.

Interview interest: Yes

Name: Michael Davis

Occupation: Planner

Work experience:

Urban planner with approaching nine (9) years of professional experience across the public and private sectors in Ontario and Alberta. I've held senior positions with the City of Calgary and City of Hamilton where my work has focused on planning and delivering new large-scale master-planned neighbourhoods, realizing significant urban redevelopment projects, and reimagining suburban places through new land use policy and design guidelines. Summary: Senior Planner, Development Planning, Heritage and Design - City of Hamilton (May 2019 - Present) Senior Planner, Community Planning - City of Calgary (September 2016 - May 2019) Planner II, Community Planning & Design - City of London (June 2013 - August 2016) Planner, Cuesta Planning Consultants Inc. - Owen Sound, ON (April 2011 - May 20)

Education:

I hold a Bachelor's Degree in Urban and Regional Planning from Ryerson University and a Certificate in Real Estate Development from the University of Calgary. Additionally, I am a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners (MCIP), the Ontario Professional Planner's Institute (OPPI) and am a Registered Professional Planner (RPP). Credentials: B.U.R.Pl., Ryerson University (2011) RED Cert., University of Calgary (2017) Registered Professional Planner (R.P.P.) Professional Affiliations: Canadian Institute of Planners (MCIP) Ontario Professional Planner's Institute (OPPI)

Skills:

I bring considerable skills and knowledge in the following areas relevant to the function of the UDPRP: - Land Use Planning and Urban Design - The Ontario Planning Framework - Transit-Oriented Development - Greenfield Master-Planning - Built Heritage - Zoning - Low-Impact Development - Development Approvals - Negotiation

Interest reason:

1. Passion for Urbanism: Most importantly to the role, I bring a passion for urbanism, design and city-building. I have a sincere personal and professional interest in contributing to and supporting communities across southwestern Ontario in their efforts to build better places. Throughout my career I've taken advantage of every opportunity to grow my experience and expand my influence in the profession. I see this role as another exciting outlet to expand those experiences and contributions.

2. Local Roots: One of my early professional roles was with the City of London's planning division. For me, that was a period of huge personal and professional growth. John Fleming, his leadership team and my colleagues at the City of London had a massive influence on my evolution as a planner and my approach to design conversations. I continue to nurture these professional connections and would truly value the opportunity to further them in this capacity. My time spent in London has also fostered a strong understanding of the local planning context and an appreciation of how much the staff, citizens and industry care about advancing the dialogue around design and city-building.

3. The Mid-Sized City Mission: My experience working in a range of Canada's mid-sized cities has given me an understanding, appreciation and interest in the unique challenges currently facing mid-sized cities. Whether it's attracting and retaining creative talent, addressing the climate emergency or building resiliency, I understand there is an inherent link between those strategic objectives and creating well-design urban places. The Urban Design Peer Review Panel, in my experience, can help make significant positive contributions to addressing these overall challenges.

Contributions:

1. **A Creative Lens:** My professional experience, working in urban municipalities across Canada, has provided me with a rounded perspective and diverse base of experiences, examples and cases to draw from. I believe this diverse base of experience provides significant value in terms of supporting creative design responses in new development that can be applied to projects in London. A considerable proportion of my work has centred around development planning and site-specific design negotiations. This has honed my practical skills in urban design and given me the chance to work with leading architects and urban designers in Ontario and Alberta.

2. **Tact and Negotiation Skills:** One of the key's to my career advancement has been my strengths in collaborating and negotiating with our partners in the development industry. My approach balances critical analysis with positive reinforcement and a "human-touch". Through this approach I have consistently been able to build trust with applicants and effectively inject creative vision into projects to advance the city's design goals. I understand the need to focus on solutions-based feedback that's practical and productive for staff and applicants.

3. **Building Trust through Communication:** Establishing your own vision of an ideal outcome is an important part of negotiation in the design context. However, if you're not effective in communicating your ideas, you risk them being disregarded. I bring a depth of professional experience presenting written and oral recommendations before City Councils', Planning Commissions, Design Review Panels and the Ontario Municipal Board. Through this, I've honed my approach and built my skills in interacting with others in a way that inspires confidence in my intentions and those of the organization I'm representing.

Past contributions:

As a planner with mid-sized and large urban municipalities, I have over six years of professional experience working with, collaborating and helping to carry forward recommendations from Design Review Panels in the development process. This experience has fostered an understanding of the responsibilities of the panel, the value it can bring, and effective ways to work with staff and industry to influence design outcomes. In addition to this experience gained through the traditional aspects of my role, I've served in varying capacities on a range of advisory committees related to city-building including:

1. **Development Review Team - Hamilton, ON. (2019-Present):** As a Senior Planner with the City of Hamilton I'm responsible for chairing Development Review Team meetings where recommendations from city technical stakeholders are coordinated and delivered to applicants in a round-table setting. The Development Review Team plays a significant role in shaping urban design outcomes in Hamilton.

2. **Administrative Advisory Panel - This is My Neighbourhood - Calgary, AB. (2017):** In Calgary, I served as the planning division representative on the City of Calgary's administrative review panel for the "This is my Neighbourhood" program. This panel reviewed applications by community organizations for funding for neighbourhood-scale community building initiatives including public realm improvement projects. My work on the review panel involved making recommendations on project design to applicant groups and funding approval to City Council.

3. **Town and Gown Committee - Planning Division Representative - London, ON. (2015):** In London, I served as a non-voting administrative representative from the planning division on the Town and Gown Committee. My role involved supporting dialogue around planning issues affecting the City's near-campus neighbourhoods and providing a staff lens to help inform recommendations to Council for policy and initiatives made by voting members of the committee.

Interpersonal:

Overall, I bring almost nine years of professional urban planning experience, with a focus on development planning. Through this journey I've developed a track-record of collaborating with developers, community stakeholders and internal technical teams to ensure that our design goals are implemented through planning applications and quality development is realized. My work in the public sector has always been carried out in a customer-focused environment where our obligations to the profession are balanced with our role as public servants. My experience tells me that achieving successful design outcomes is the result of the contributions of diverse perspectives and talent. I also appreciate that fostering an effective and positive working relationship with staff and the development industry is the best way for the Urban Design Peer Review Panel to influence such outcomes. I look forward to the opportunity to bring this experience and perspective to the Panel!

Interview interest: Yes

Appendix B

Name: Vasile (aka Bill) Katsios

Occupation: Architect

Work experience:

I have been working as an architect since 1980 and as a registered Architect since 1995. I have my own firm as an Architectural practice since 2010. My office mainly designs Commercial, High rise residential and Condos, Industrial and Assembly bldgs.

Education:

I have the following degrees: 1. B.Sc., 2. B.E.S. (Arch) 3. M. Arch. I am registered with OAA (Ontario Association of Architects) and MRAIC.

Skills:

I am running a very successful practice for over 15 years and completed all types of projects and complexities. I have been elected as the president for the London Society of Architects for 2 terms (4 yrs). I have taught Architectural design and Materials at Fanshawe College for 3 years.

Interest reason:

I am offering my time for a good cause and volunteering as a good citizen for the City of London which I have spend the majority of my time.

Contributions:

My ability to see, observe and listen, due to my experience, what is the intend of the design based on the drwgs provided. My ability to exchange views, complement and encourage good design principles and offer alternative views on improving design elements.

Past contributions:

Acting as a Professor for the Fanshawe College while teaching Architectural Design and Materials courses. Acting as the president of the London Society of Architects to organize activities for the membership.

Interpersonal:

My experience in exchanging views with others is my daily event with my clients who are interested in building new buildings or renovating existing. My recommendations to my clients to use as many principles in sustainable design by reducing the energy requirements and thus the carbon footprint for an improvement on the Globe's climate.

Interview interest: Yes

Name: Ron Versteegen

Occupation: Senior Planner

Work experience:

I've worked as an Environmental Planner and Development Planner for approximately 30 years with various agencies.

Education:

BA - Human Geography/Urban Environmental Studies - Brock University. Have MCIP/RPP accreditation.

Skills:

Have assisted in the development and implementation of various community design guidelines outside the City of London.

Interest reason:

To assist the City in developing an attractive and livable community.

Contributions:

Years of experience working in other communities can aid in applying City's guidelines while also ensuring development is approved in a timely fashion.

Past contributions: None.

Interpersonal:

Have worked in planning for many years - but as a staff resource capacity. Working as part of committee will enable me to impart that knowledge with the goal of implementing attractive development that is a positive to the community.

Interview interest: Yes

Name: Xin Liu

Occupation: Architectural technologist

Work experience:

ABBARCH Architecture Inc. 2017.3-now Intern Architect Design and develop presentation drawings for large scale of retail and commercial projects (Walmart, Metro and etc.). Provide CAD working drawings for building permit and construction drawings. Coordinate with various consultants. Avenue Architecture Inc. 2015.6-2017.3 Intern Architect Engaged with PM and GC to understand project intent and scope. Propose design sketches. Perform design development. Prepare construction drawings. Write specifications for the project. Research local materials. Coordinate with various engineering systems. Check document. Coordinate with building code consultant. Write Site Instruction, Addendum and NOC. Take part in Project meetings. Respond to Project Manager inquiries. Prepare Autocad and Revit drawings. Culmone Associates Ltd. (Canada) Designer 2013.9-2015.6 Create comprehensive schematics and construction designs, and develop design and working drawings. Coordinate with various consultants. Do Building Code and material research. CHK Engineering Inc. (Canada) Designer 2013.5-2013.9 Develop working drawings and details as Autocad technologist. Shanghai Xian Dai Architectural Design (Group) Co., Ltd. (China) Architect 2010- 2012 Shanghai Xian Dai Architectural Design (Group) Co., Ltd. (China) Intern Architect 2003- 2010

Education:

Masters Degree in Architecture (Harbin, China) 2000 – 2003 Bachelors Degree in Architecture (Harbin, China) 1995 – 2000

Skills:

To-be architect. Pass all tests of Architect. Review drawings. Familiar with OBC. Proficient in CAD tools and Ms Office. Build 3D model. Experienced designer.

Interest reason: Explore some new horizon

Contributions:

Review drawings. Help leader to communicate with other designers with CAD tools and 3D models. propose the urban design both in verbal & writing and graphically. Site visit

Past contributions: n/a

Interpersonal:

To be Architect of OAA, In licensing process. • Master Degree in architecture accredited by Canadian Architectural Certification Board (CACB) • 5 years' experience as a working designer in Canada • More than 9 years' experience as a working architect in Shanghai, China • Using Autodesk CAD from R14 to 2017 for 16 years • 2-year Revit experience. • Proficiency in Adobe Photoshop, Adobe Acrobat, Sketchup, and MS Office • Sound knowledge of OBC 2012, NBC 2015 and zoning by-law of GTA. • Varied project experience including: high rise office structures, apartments, theatres, sports complexes, hotels, residential homes, hospitals, and industrial buildings. • Excellent interpersonal and time management skills • Excellent clear and concise written and verbal communication • Ability to work independently and work collaboratively in a team environment

Interview interest: Yes

Name: Chansoo Byeon

Occupation: Architect

Work experience:

I have been working in the architecture industry for 6 years before joining the City of Mississauga's Planning and Building department two years ago. My portfolio expands from small to extra large urban design projects during my career.

Education:

Originally educated and trained as an architect from University of Toronto - I have worked at multi national architectural firms and also public sector

Skills:

Architectural design, Urban Design and Policymaking

Interest reason:

City of London's position in the grand scheme of Canadian cities is particularly interesting to me and the City has lots of great opportunities to do it right and go beyond the status quo of Canadian ways of doing things and leap into a globally leading city when it comes to Urban Design

Contributions:

By providing facts-based evidence, I aspire to help decision-makers and citizens to make the right decision for the long term goals of the City

Past contributions:

I am currently working in Planning and Building department at the City of Mississauga

Interpersonal:

Having organized various scale of design meeting including public meetings, it is important to be listening carefully to what the residents have to say. Then taking the input from all the parties and dissecting them into smaller actionable chunks to implement them step by step is key to success.

Interview interest: **Yes**

Name: Abhay Vaid

Occupation: Architect

Work experience:

Accomplished and reliable architect with strong client satisfaction record, adept at handling multiple projects simultaneously with professionalism and expertise in both high rise residential and commercial building projects, healthcare and transit projects managing teams performing preliminary design, design development, permit approvals, tender and construction documents production, contract administration, specifications and project management tasks with exceptional problem solving skills and sufficient knowledge of construction laws and regulations used to meet organization goals. KEY PERFORMANCE INDICATORS Liaised with local authorities and obtained site plan approvals and building regulations approval for a wide variety of projects worldwide. Expertise in the administration of construction management services for construction activities on various projects in a safe, timely, standardized, cost-effective manner. Led the teams to work on design concept alternatives for various projects and execution of the projects assigned from schematic design to design development, construction documents, contract administration to final completion and close out. Managed relationships with various groups of stakeholders to mitigate project risks and ensure project deliverables are met within projected schedule, budget and exceeding the client's expectations. EXPERIENCE September 2013 - Present V.A. Architect Inc., Toronto, ON, Principal Architect September 2012 - September 2013 Richard Wengle Architect Inc., Toronto, ON, Architect & Project Manager July 2011 - August 2012 Kirkor Architects & Planners, Toronto, ON, Project Architect & Project Manager August 2010 - June 2011 METROLINX, ON, Project Coordinator (Unionized Project Manager) OHL-FCC JV (Contract Manager) September 2007 – July 2010 IBI Group, Toronto, ON, Project Manager February 2007 - September 2007 HDR Architecture (G+G partnership Architects), Toronto, ON, Team Lead/ Intermediate Architect January 2004 – January 2007 Adamson Associates Architects, Mississauga, ON, Intern Architect December 2000 - December 2003 GUG Architects & Designers, London, UK, Project Manager December 1997 - September 2000 Deco Qatar, Doha, Qatar, Architect October 2018 - Present SME – RAIC (Royal Architectural Institute of Canada)

Education:

EDUCATION OAA, Licensed Architect. PMP, Project Management Professional LEED AP, Accredited Professional Construction Project Management (Modular), School of Construction Management and Engineering, Reading University, U.K. Bachelor of Architecture, Guru Nanak Dev University, India – Certificate of equivalency issued by University of Toronto

Skills:

Accomplished and reliable architect with strong client satisfaction record, adept at handling multiple projects simultaneously with professionalism and expertise in both high rise residential and commercial building projects, healthcare and transit projects managing teams performing preliminary design, design development, permit approvals, tender and construction documents production, contract administration, specifications and project management tasks with exceptional problem solving skills and sufficient knowledge of construction laws and regulations used to meet organization goals.

Interest reason:

Due to interest in Urban design strategies, development planning.

Contributions:

To help London become a more prosperous and dynamic city.

Past contributions:

Subject matter expert - Royal Architectural Institute of Canada.

Interpersonal:

In Architectural design and project management, design ideas are exchanged with stakeholders and comments/ feedback is received from them to enhance design, skills, abilities and knowledge of others. I have more than twenty three years of professional work experience in architecture, urban design and project management.

Interview interest: Yes

Name: Sydney Bailey

Occupation: Planner/Urban Designer

Work experience:

Within my studies at the University of Waterloo I completed work terms at Better Neighbourhoods Inc (Student Urban Designer) in St. Catharines, Monteith Brown Planning Consultants (Student Planner) in London, and GSP Group (Student Planner/Urban Designer) in Kitchener. During my work at Better Neighbourhoods Inc. I worked closely on infill development and revitalization projects throughout the City including the 200 ac. former General Motors Plant and performed research on the sustainability of infill-based neighbourhood. Currently I am a Planner/Urban Designer at GSP Group (June 2019-present). In my present role I direct development projects through the planning and urban design process and work in municipalities across southwestern Ontario. Throughout my time as student and full-time planner I have assisted our urban design team on several high-intensity mixed-use developments within downtown Kitchener including preparing urban design reviews and CPTED analysis. In addition I have also worked with municipalities on the drafting and updating of Urban Design Guidelines.

Education:

I am a graduate of the University of Waterloo Planning Program (B.E.S.), with a completed specialization in urban design. I additionally studied urban design abroad at the University of Newcastle in the United Kingdom. I am a candidate RPP and MCIP member.

Skills:

As an professional planner and urban designer I have a wide-based experience and knowledge to provide to the panel. Through pursuing abroad studies in the United Kingdom I have gained a global perspective on local design matters which I see as a great asset. My special focus on CPTED in my current professional practice will aid in reviewing development projects with crime-preventative lens.

Interest reason:

I am interested to expand my exposure in urban design and see this experience as an excellent opportunity. As a London resident I am interested in the development and growth of the City and would like to contribute though this position on the Urban Design Peer Review Panel.

Contributions:

In addition to my experience and interest in urban design, I am a resident of the City of London. I believe my context of the City and resident-based knowledge will make a great asset to the panel. From my previous work at Monteith Brown Planning Consultants (London based) and current work at GSP Group I am well versed with the City's development policies and zoning standards.

Past contributions: I have yet to serve on similar review panel.

Interpersonal:

I previously worked as a teaching assistant for two years at the University of Waterloo in urban design courses (Visual Approaches to Design and Communication; Urban Planning Design and the Environment). In my role I taught urban design techniques, guided concept design and reviewed final development proposals.

Interview interest: Yes

Name: Marion-Frances Cabral

Occupation: Planner

Work experience:

I've worked as a planner for over 5 years in south-western Ontario with the provincial government, local municipalities and agencies.

Education:

I have a Bachelor of Urban and Regional Planning from Ryerson University, a Environmental Management and Assessment post-graduate certificate from Niagara College, and I am currently enrolled in the Master of Planning program at the University of Waterloo. I am a "Candidate" member of OPPI and CIP, and can obtain "Environmental Professional" membership from ECO.

Skills:

I have a passion for good architectural detail that makes a city stand-out while not imposing on others. It is the ability to understand that modern planning and architecture do not need to solely be glass towers, but integrated into the community and placemakers for the City and its residents. I am able to provide advice and recommendations to planning staff as professional and representative of the community. I have the ability to manage expectations from developers and a variety of stakeholders. I am very familiar with the City of London's Official Plan and goals for the City.

Interest reason:

As a relatively new resident to the City of London I am excited to see the City starting its path towards a more urban and progressive future. Becoming a member of the Panel would allow me to provide input on new developments while protecting the history and heritage of the City. Further, I'd like to be more engaged within activities in the City and be proud of my new home.

Contributions:

As a relatively new resident to the City, as a new planner, and an avid city-dweller I believe that I would provide a fresh insight to development by bringing insight from various jurisdictions and challenging the status quo.

Past contributions:

I have not been a member of an urban design review panel, however, I have been a member of Transit Windsor and GO Transit/Metrolinx's advisory committees.

Interpersonal:

As part of my day to day work, it is imperative to provide your professional opinion and judgement but be able to understand very real experiences that may force me to revisit my own understanding. It is not a one-size-fits-all model, and I approach situations to find a middle ground to best satisfy the needs of all stakeholders. As part of an advisory panel I would be open to listening to community members would be directly impacted by development and provide a sound planning recommendation above all else.

Interview interest: Yes

Name: Kyle Poole

Occupation: Landscape Architect, Town of Caledon

Work experience:

Experience within the fields of landscape architecture and the construction industry contributing to a “hands on” knowledge of the technical components and requirements of development. I possess design expertise including the financial considerations in bringing a project to completion. Municipal sector experience in all aspects of the review and approvals process associated with greenfield development and infill intensification of a variety of housing types.

Education:

Bachelor of Landscape Architecture (Honours), Minor in Business Administration – University of Guelph; Master of Science, Rural Planning and Development – University of Guelph. Ontario Association of Landscape Architects (OALA) – Full Member, Seal and Certificate; Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) – Candidate Member.

Skills:

I am a detail-oriented Landscape Architect possessing a strong understanding of urban design principles. I possess the ability to look at development applications through various lenses, scaling from site specific to community or regional contexts. I possess a working knowledge of the municipal land development approvals process, guiding plans and policies such as the Municipalities’ Official Plan, Zoning By-law and Urban Design Guidelines.

Interest reason:

Through my contributions within a peer review capacity, I wish to influence the development of communities and employment areas that portray a strong sense of place and community identity. By undertaking an advisory role, I am interested in contributing to a design culture within the City of London that promotes the creation of a quality public realm, with a high standard of architecture and urban design. I believe urban design is essential in creating a community identity while making spaces that are functional, sustainable and successful both socially and economically. I would also appreciate the opportunity to work alongside other land development professionals, to further build and refine my design skills while raising awareness around the importance of good design.

Contributions:

My dual degrees in Planning and Landscape Architecture serve to increase the level of design expertise employed in the design review process. I believe through quality and informed commentary I can offer professional and objective advice, providing design critiques that support innovative and imaginative design solutions.

Past contributions:

I have previously taught various design and construction courses within the field of Landscape Architecture at the University of Guelph in both a Sessional and Graduate Teaching Assistant capacity. I am currently conducting design review of site plan, subdivision, minor variance and other development applications, working closely in conjunction with the Town of Caledon’s Urban Design Planner to ensure the best built form is achieved within the developments of Caledon. I have also been called upon frequently by colleagues and former Professors to participate in design review critiques of current students within the BLA and MLA programs at the University of Guelph.

Interpersonal:

I possess previous teaching and design critique experience noted above from the University of Guelph, respecting the efforts of students while offering constructive criticism in positive manner. Working with multi-disciplinary consulting teams, both within the private and public sector I can understand and appreciate the need to listen to each professions opinions and technical expertise, working collaboratively to achieve an overarching goal.

Interview interest: Yes