

Committee: **London Public Library Board of Directors**

Organization/Sector represented:

Name: **Mary Dionysakopoulos**

Occupation: **(Retired) Assistant Crown Attorney**

Work experience: **Lawyer since 1980, Retired 2019. Engaged in general practice of law, focused on family law, mental health and victim services. Appointed part time Assistant Crown Attorney in 1993, became full time in 2001 in Woodstock office until retirement**

Education: **Master of Arts (M.A.) Sociology (Criminology) Thesis: Battered Women and the Criminal Justice System in Canada; Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Sociology/Anthropology; Bachelor of Laws (LL.B)**

Skills: **listening and hearing skills; patience and tolerance; adequate technology skills; ability to analyze and decipher information; knowledge and experience in Canadian law; small business acumen; good awareness of the City of London's residents, resources, utilities and commerce**

Interest reason: **After retirement I have time and resources to continue to make a contribution to my community. I am a life long resident of London and want to participate modestly to its continuing growth and excellence. I use the library's resources and have enjoyed the opportunities offered to expand my knowledge of the world through reading and participation in the library's programs and activities.**

Contributions: **My legal background and experience, my knowledge of and love for this community, my belief that a vibrant, accessible public library system is essential to the health of this community as one of many necessary and often competing community resources, my past experience on numerous boards and committees, an ability to make reasonable decisions applying sound and equitable reasoning, my business experience, my knowledge of governance and reasoned decision-making, my interest and ability to exchange views and appreciate those of others, an inclination to challenge and make inquiry, a desire to make a contribution, with the time and energy to devote to a critical resource of my community**

Past contributions: **During my professional and business career I was a member of numerous community boards and committees. These organizations included: London Police Services Board; Womanpower Inc.; Wil; Turning Point; Proudfoot House; London Battered Women's Advocacy Clinic; Palace Theatre; Sarnia Road Greek Community Centre.**

Interpersonal: **I taught at both Fanshawe College and Western University for several years, interacting as teacher and often as advisor for students with legal and social problems. I acted as an adjudicator and decision-maker on several different administrative and quasi-judicial boards that affected people's lives and livelihoods. As a criminal prosecutor I worked closely with Victim Services because of my concern with social injustices. Most of my adult life has been dedicated to helping less fortunate or situationally challenged people. I ran unsuccessfully as a Ward 5 candidate in a municipal election. My husband and I raised 4 children who now make their own contributions to this community.**

Interview interest: **Yes**