Committee: London Public Library Board of Directors

Organization/Sector represented: Community Engagement

Name: Tracy (Trae) Robinson

Occupation: Knowledge Translation Specialist

Work experience: 15+ years in communications and engagement 10+ years in project management and research 5+ years in knowledge translation I have experience in private, public and charitable organizations in progressive leadership roles, including financial and human resource management, contract review, stakeholder engagement and oversight of projects and campaigns.

Education: MSc in Health Sciences (Western University) BA in Communications Studies (University of Windsor) Certificate in Adult Teaching and Learning (Western) Certificate in Organizational Learning and Development (Fanshawe)

Skills: During my BA, I studied the distribution of power in information systems and how to reduce barriers to access. This led to MSc research in change behaviour and collective decision-making. I keep current with issues related to privacy, net neutrality and inclusion.

Interest reason: Libraries are vitals hubs in the community and key to equitable access to information for the public. I am an avid library user, including new services like Mango and Kanopy. I have instilled this participation in my children with regular visits for over 15 years. I think libraries are undergoing an important transition phase and leadership is key to maintaining relevance.

Contributions: I have a solid background in conducting academic research so I understand basic library functions. My skills and talents are geared to system thinking, which I think is so important for library planning. I am particularly good at translating information to different groups. I am a great team player who is genuinely focused on the mission and objectives of the organization.

Past contributions: I have 4+ years of experience in governance with Libro Credit Union and 8+ years of experience with The Circle Women's Centre at Brescia University. I have also served on Pillar's Innovation Award Committee.

Interpersonal: I work best as part of a group. I successfully managed a team of nine people doing interdisciplinary health research and coordinated three other research sites in Ontario over 4 years. Decorum and positive motivation were key to our success and I was rarely forced to put out fires because I proactively tended to hot spots, investigating root causes and developing strong relationships.

Interview interest: Yes