Committee: Transportation Advisory Committee

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Work experience: System Administrator, The University of Western Ontario (9 years) Web developer/Designer, Dot Exclaim (1 year) Web developer, Canada Trust (1 year) Education: BSc. Hon. Computer Science, 2004, The University of Western Ontario Skills: Having lived in London my whole life, I would bring a point of view common to many of London's drivers and LTC riders. I would emphasize community involvement through technology to gather feedback from Londoners on improving our city's transportation system. I believe my technical background would be beneficial in this area. I have also been following the successes and failures of transportation decisions made in other cities and could use this knowledge to help London learn from the decisions of other cities.

Interest reason: Transportation affects us all. Either directly, or indirectly, Londoners depend on being able to move easily about the city. Gridlock and stop-and-go traffic is the worst scenario for any city. Not only does this waste time, it also wastes fuel, increases pollution, increases stress, negatively impacting our health and our economy. I would work towards unclogging our streets and making it a pleasure to commute in London. Contributions: I have a number of ideas which would benefit this committee. There are some long needed fundamental improvements to look at, such as upgrades to busy rail underpasses. Similarly, there are many minor tweaks that could be included in future construction projects which would improve traffic flow. Some examples include greater use of recessed bus stops, more turn ramps and longer turn lanes. There are several instances where these changes could help improve traffic flow, but I would also focus on community involvement to gather ideas from across London. I would also look at alternative delivery of public transit and improving the return on investment of tax dollars through competition.

Past contributions: I have been an active participant in London's Roundtable on the Environment and the Economy for the past five months.

Interpersonal: My profession involves interacting with colleagues and sympathetically listening to customers' needs and collaborating with them to find solutions on a daily basis. I've also completed a course in Active Listening.

Interview interest: Yes