

Committee: **Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee**

Organization/Sector represented: **Fanshawe College Bachelor of Applied Arts - Integrated Land Planning Technologies**

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Occupation: **Fanshawe College Student: Integrated Land Planning Technology Student**

Work experience: **Currently I am a Fanshawe College Bachelor of Applied Arts Integrated Land Planning Technology student. As part of my degree program, I recently completed a summer co-op position with the Ministry of Natural Resources - Ontario Parks Southwest Zone, Planning Department, in London, Ontario. My duties with Ontario Parks consisted of GIS related work including: map creation, and database management. I worked with the Southwest Zone Park Planner and assisted on several site visits of various provincial parks in conjunction with preliminary environmental site analysis, and park acquisition proposals. As well, I participated in monthly Southwest Zone Superintendent meetings from the head office location in London, and was able to gain a greater understanding of factors and impacts affecting natural environmental issues within the provincial park system. I am a past owner operator of a small professional photography studio, specializing in commercial photography.**

Education: **My current studies as an Integrated Land Planning Technology student has included a variety of topics in land planning, landscape architecture, computer aided design and GIS analysis. I am a Dean's Honour Roll Student and am currently enrolled in my second year of a 4 year Bachelor program. This program integrates planning and design and offers unique incite into a variety of environmental strategies and processes in relation to urban planning. Previous to beginning my studies at Fanshawe, I completed 3 semesters of Web Application and Development at St Clair College and earned a 4.0 grade point average. This program focused on building internet based applications using a variety of programming languages, including xhtml, css, javascript, PHP, and ASP.net. The programming aspect required good analytical and problem solving skills, and were beneficial in my transition into the land planning technologies program. I have a 3yr Advanced Diploma from Fanshawe College, in Professional Commercial Photography. I am a Former member of C.A.P.I.C (Canadian Association of Photographers and Illustrators in Communication). I am currently a Canadian Institute of Planners Student member.**

Skills: **I believe my increasing knowledge and experience with land planning and landscape architecture studies at Fansawe College as well as my co-op experience with the Ministry of Natural Resources would be an asset to the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee. My current school related projects have given me insight into a variety of planning and design requirements based on adherence to the City of London's Official Plan and By-Laws. In addition, I have photographic visual skills that may aid the committee in areas of presentations or site inventory analysis and interpretation.**

Interest reason: **I have a keen interest in the natural environment within the City of London, and the management and planning strategies that protect and expand sensitive environmental areas.**

Contributions: **As a part of the committee, i believe my current studies and past work experience working with volunteer boards would make a positive contribution to the committee. I enjoy working in a team, sharing ideas, and analyzing problems to find creative solutions.**

Past contributions: **I have performed within various volunteer roles for a variety of Art related boards and committees, and am accustomed to board meetings, procedures and protocols. My past contributions have included: Windsor Printmakers Forum - Former Vice President Common Ground Art Gallery (Windsor) - Vice President Arts Council of Windsor - Endowment for the Arts Steering Committee**

Interpersonal: **My past work experience as a professional photographer has enabled me to communicate both verbally and visually with a variety of professionals and customers from various backgrounds and fields. My recent studies have increased my skills in the exchange of viewpoints and knowledge with both professionals and novices. The planning and design fields often require me to look at problems and solutions from different directions in order to understand them from various perspectives. I thoroughly enjoy working with people and the sharing of ideas.**

Interview interest: **Yes**