

City of London - Application for Appointment to a City of London Board or Commission

Application

Please choose the Board or Commission you are interested in serving on: **LMCH**

Contact Information

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Experience and Qualifications

If you have experience on a London Board or Commission, please provide dates and details. (max. 3000 characters):

I was an active member of an advisory panel on joint research conducted by the University of Ottawa and Canadian Blood Services for the year 2018. The researchers were interested in promoting blood donation amongst LGBTQIA+ individuals, knowing that there is a blood ban and a gap in communication between CBS and the aforementioned community. My role was to ensure that the researchers' language in their surveys and interviews was inclusive, positive, and in accordance with the sensitivities of the LGBTQIA+ community.

I have not been an active member of a board, but I am very enthusiastic to experience it at LMHC.

What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of a Board or Commission? (max. 3000 characters):

-What I contribute:

1) I have maintained a great and professional relationship with my neighbors at 349 and 345 Wharncliffe road north over the past 3 years. I positively contributed to the buildings by reporting emergency and maintenance issues, even sometimes cleaning the hallways out of the debris. By showing my passion to help the community that I live with, I was selected as the resident contact of the buildings in December 2020. Being on the board will allow me to share my proactive perspectives of living and working in the buildings with other members. My unique, professional, and realistic point of view of everyday incidents of the neighborhood will better recruit the members with day-to-day details on decision-making and budget-expending.

2) I just finished my honor degree in genetics at Western University this year. My thesis was about SARS-CoV-2 and COVID-19. I know many residents feel left out and isolated during the pandemic, with many having limited access to COVID-related information. With the pandemic coming to an end, I can be actively helping the board by providing scientific materials on COVID and post-COVID to enhance the quality of the residents' lives. As you may know, during the pandemic, many individuals have been experiencing mental health issues and may have turned to drugs and alcohol. I live on a floor with some very young residents experiencing addiction and domestic violence. These residents should have access to resources that can help them whenever they feel they need help. With my educational background, I can help the board in their decisions on the pandemic and post-pandemic policies.

-What I hope to learn:

1) I hope to learn how to be a professional member of a board of directors in North America. I am young and still a long way in front of me to become an expert. I would like to learn the work etiquettes and apply them in other jobs I may have in the future.

2) I hope to further develop my skills in strategic planning, fundraising, and event management. Organizational leadership is a quality I am seeking to enhance by working with you.

How will you support the work of a Board or Commission? (max. 3000 characters):

I will support the work of the board by:

- 1) participating in regular meetings, evaluating the topics of discussion, and actively expressing my opinion**
- 2) working in tandem with members and managers to implement big-picture projects**
- 3) contributing and executing strategic plans if needed.**
- 4) organizing and implementing annual/ monthly conferences to update the board on the current issues of the community.**
- 5) representing and speaking on behalf of the board if needed**
- 6) managing and expanding relationships with third parties if needed**

Please describe additional experience, training, or community involvement that will help you in your role as a Board or Commission Member. (max. 3000 characters):

As indicated in my resume, I have a long history of working with various communities such as:

- 1) children and people with disabilities at YMCA. I have conducted many swimming lessons and have been recognized as the best employee of the session (12 weeks) twice. In that job, I greatly and clearly communicated with the parents of children and offered excellent customer service in the case of disputes, while following the guidelines and policies of the pool and the public health.**
- 2) children with autism at Autism Ontario. My involvement in Autism Ontario bloomed from being a normal volunteer who would spend time and socialize with children with autism to being the volunteer coordinator and event coordinator. Although due to the pandemic I could not continue my work with AO, I am always dedicated to volunteer with them after the pandemic.**

Please tell us about your interest in being a part of the London Middlesex Community Housing board. Why are you interested in this particular opportunity? What do you hope to contribute, and how would you support the work of the London Middlesex Community Housing board?(max. 3000 characters):

The answer to this section is copied from the earlier section of this form.

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Please tell us about your educational background, professional credentials, or any other training which is relevant to this position. (max. 3000 characters):

For details on the educational background please review the resume attached to this application.

Please describe any relevant work and/or lived experience you have. (max. 3000 characters):

I have worked and lived in Turkey from 2013 to 2015. During my stay in Turkey, I was selected as the superintendent of the building of my residence for 1) the trust that the landlord and the residents developed in me. 2) my great practical and hands-on skills in fixing regular issues such as plumbing, electricity, laundry, and scheduling for cleaning. Other relevant experiences such as being the resident contact of LMHC buildings are mentioned above.

Tell us about your involvement in any public or private sector boards, community involvement, or other experiences that are relevant to this position. Please describe the roles you played and the period of time you were involved.(max. 3000 characters):

For details of my community involvement please refer to my resume.

If necessary, please provide any additional relevant information that is not captured in your previous answers.(max. 3000 characters):

Attach resume or other document here, if needed: **Resume - AC.pdf**

Attach more files here, if needed:

Confirmations

I declare the following: **I am a resident of London. ; I am at least 18 years old.; I am not a City employee or Council member.; I understand that my application will be included on a public agenda that is published on the City website.**

For members of the public applying to serve as Tenant Directors on the London Middlesex Community Housing Board. I declare the following:

I am currently a tenant of London Middlesex Community Housing; I understand that should I no longer be a LMCH tenant due to transfer of property or moving out, I will need to resign this position.

To help inform our outreach activities, please tell us how you heard about this opportunity: (optional): **Other**

If you selected 'Other', please specify: **Email from LMHC**

Submitter E-mail:

Submitted on: **6/4/2021 4:03:07 PM**

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Dedicated Resident Contact at LMHC
- Enthusiastic graduate student in Biomedical Engineering at the University of Western Ontario
- Collaborated with diverse groups of individuals at work and school
- Very productive and focused student with a strong passion for community works
- Highly organized analytical person able to take the initiative in planning and implementing tasks
- Fast learner with a strong background in emergency management
- Friendly, resilient, energetic, and fun

EDUCATION

Master of Engineering Science in Biomedical Engineering

University of Western Ontario

London, ON 2021 - Present

Honours Specialization in Integrated Science with Genetics

University of Western Ontario

London, ON 2017 – 2021

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Resident Contact

London and Middlesex Community Housing

London, ON 2020 - Present

- Report to and communicate with a variety of partners for maintenance and hazardous conditions
- Work closely with the fire department and the police in London in emergency situations
- Investigate tenant complaints and maintain general security

Team Lead, Lifeguard, and Swim Instructor

YMCA of Western Ontario, Central Branch

London, ON 2017 – 2020

- Led teams of lifeguards and swim instructor to run the lessons smoothly
- Enforced members' adherence to pool guidelines and rules in a professional manner
- Performed rescues in the event of drowning or swimming accidents

Autism Therapy Assistant

Intensive Multi-Treatment Intervention (IMTI) Program

London, ON 2016 – 2017

- Worked with and trained under the supervision of a prominent autism therapist and the developer of the IMTI program
- Applied behavioral therapeutic techniques to enhance the life skills of a child with autism
- Customized piano and guitar lessons to assist and enhance the learning process

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Canadian Blood Services (In-clinic Volunteer)

London, ON 2016 – 2021

- Joined a research team from Ottawa University as an advisor to conduct surveys on MSM deferral policy
- Welcomed donors to the hospitality area and ensured they were offered refreshment items, and responded to questions or concerns
- Observed donors and immediately alerted clinic staff of adverse reactions

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Lesbians and Gay Support Refugee

London, ON 2016 – present

- Communicated with a group of 5 university professors and professionals to sponsor a gay refugee in Turkey
- Fundraised by community outreach \$11,000 for the first-year living expenses of the refugee

Autism Ontario (Volunteer Coordinator)

London, ON 2016 – 2020

- Updated the database of volunteers and events, welcomed and guided the volunteers to join London Chapter
- Participated in fundraising events throughout the year to run a variety of workshops for children with Autism
- Supported facilitator and interacted with participants with autism
- Helped with setup and cleanup of activities, and modeled appropriate behaviour

Food Support Services

London, ON 2018

YMCA (Swim lessons Assistant)

London, ON 2018 – 2019

Other Interests

- Playing and learning a variety of musical instruments (guitar and flute, ...)
- Swimming, working out and dancing daily
- Motivating and inspiring others to adopt healthy diets and quit alcohol and drugs
- Paddled with Dragon Boat Club during the school year of 2019 and lifeguarding on a boat in a lake during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Growing more than 50 different house plants and enjoying time with three very needy cats