

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):

Admittedly, I do not have any experience on a London Board or Commission it is my hope to receive an opportunity to learn and gain experience. Although, previously, in 1991, I served as a Guide for Local 251 of the UAW Union for a 3 year term, as well as a Vice Chairperson for the Union at St Clair Technologies for 3 years, leaving both positions to attend the UWO, here in London in 1994. My hope is to be given the opportunity to be a member at large on the LMCH Board of Directors and to utilize the knowledge and experience gained and apply it to the housing program I hope to design in the future.

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

As a person with both lived experience as a homeless person and as a previous tenant of LMCH I hope to contribute my perspective of what those experiences were like and what they both taught me. In addition to that I would like to contribute my recent experience when I applied for community housing through your “low barrier” application process. Hence if you don’t know what’s broken it’s difficult to be able to address and fix it.

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

I would support the work of the Board by listening to everyone’s input and opinions and by asking questions when clarity is needed. In short, I would be both learning and contributing to the decisions made by the Board in the best interest of LMCH as a whole.

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

Between 1998-2001 I volunteered and was eventually employed with LIFESPIN. During this time I was the Green Market Basket Coordinator as well as overseen the Freestore, large item donation registry program , and did fundraising for Margaret’s Haven, a housing program initiated by LIFESPIN. My employment ended when program funding for the green market basket ended and because of illness I never returned to work. It’s my goal, if provided an opportunity to be on the Board to build on the needed routine as a way to re-enter the work force in the near future.

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):

I'm interested in this particular opportunity because of my lived experience and my future goal of starting a housing program to house the "hardest to house" individuals in our community.

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

I have completed grade 12 diploma (not a GED), and some university social science credits including psychology and sociology. I have 10 years experience with UAW local 251 with training and certifications received at the UAW Black Lake conference centre. I'm certified for negotiation, collaboration and ratification methods, CAP training and development as well as mediation steps and techniques. In addition, by combining my education with lived experience I'm knowledgeable with the Canadian and Ontario Human rights and Landlord Tenant Legislations as well as their perspective Social Tribunal processes.

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

June 2020-April 2021 I was chosen one of 20 individuals across Canada to be part of the Tenant Leadership group for the CHRA. During my time in this group I learned how to change policies on federal, provincial and municipal levels, and how to start a Tenant Association. I also learned how to learn by way of zoom meetings and using groups like Mighty Networks to create professional connections. It was a great learning experience. In July 2020 I was also accepted by the Elizabeth Fry Society in their My Start Up program to help me to start designing a written proposal for my housing program idea. Although, half way through the program I realized I had more questions than answers which brought me to seeking a position on your Board. As such, I am able to return to the program when ready to finish what I started with them.

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):

No recent experience on any Boards.

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

Please forgive my frankness here however if I'm offered the opportunity to be on your Board, I hope the other members will be patient and understanding. It's been awhile since I've attended a Board meeting and "my" Robert's Rules of Order will need some dusting off and as such, in the beginning I plan on doing a great deal of listening and learning from the other Board members. If this is not a position in which this is possible, I understand and thereby please just advise me of such. Thank you to all for your time with my application. Best to you as you fill the open positions.

Attach resume or other document here, if needed: 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:

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

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

Submitter E-mail:

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