

Committee: London Public Library Board

Organization/Sector represented: City of London Rep.

Name: Alastair Neely

Occupation: Retired / Curator of 1st Hussars Museum

Work experience: - 1970 – 2016, various positions within the London Public Library organization, from Library Page to Branch Supervisor - Have been involved in relocating/moving six libraries - Help to design and move Westmount Branch Library in the 2000's and turned that location into the most successful branch in the library system - 1980 – present, Curator/Archivist for the 1st Hussars Museum - Volunteer Head of the London and Middlesex, Ontario Genealogical Branch library (late 1990's) - Have published/contributed to several publications dealing with local history, genealogy, and military history - Have served on a variety of community boards, i.e. historical and genealogical

Education: - 1978 – Honours in History from Huron College/University of Western Ontario - 1979 – Master of Library Science from University of Western Ontario - Have presented papers at the annual conferences of the Ontario Genealogical Society, Ontario Library Association and a variety of local history societies

Skills: - Extensive knowledge on how London Public - Library operates, goals, action plans, past strategic plans, etc. - Good organizational and communication skills - Project management skills - Library design, team building

Interest reason: - As a result of my educational experience, my work experience with London Public Library and my contacts within the library community in the province, I bring a unique skill and knowledge set to the Library Board - Have always been a solid library supporter - Would like to be able to use my knowledge to improve library service to Londoners

Contributions: - I would like to help to improve library service in the city and to look for ways to increase library usage - Help with the development of the next Strategic Plan, shape the library's future

Past contributions: - Member of the Board of the Ontario Public Library Association, Treasurer of that organization, Vice-President, President, and Past President, and served for two years on the Board of the Ontario Library Association

Interpersonal: - Have always believed in trying to work for the "win=win" solution, working towards shared values and goals, and seeking input from as many sources that I can before making decisions - I like to listen and seek input from a variety of sources and people

Interview interest: Yes