

City of London - Application for Appointment to City of London Municipal Council - Ward 6

Application

Contact Information

Name: **Matthew Reid**

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City, Province, Postal Code: **London, ON, N6P 0A8**

Phone Number (for internal use only):

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Experience and Qualifications

Please provide a brief written statement explaining why you would like to serve the remainder of the term as Ward 6 Councillor: (maximum 250 words):

Throughout my life I have always sought out opportunities to make my community a better place. This has resulted in me representing Ward 6 for five years on the Thames Valley District School Board as a School Trustee, where I was able to advocate for a more inclusive and safe learning environment for in-risk and vulnerable populations. The opportunity to serve out the term as the Ward 6 Councillor would be a continuation of this desire to help vulnerable populations, to advocate for good governance and to seek collegial solutions that would leave a lasting positive impact on London.

Throughout my time on the school board representing Wards 2-6, as the council appointed citizen representative on the Middlesex-London Health Unit, and the Board of Governors of Western University, I have built positive working relationships with the majority of members of council. I would like to offer my experience in law, governance and community service to support the residents of Ward 6. I fully understand the time commitment involved in not just the Council and Board/Committee work but also in responding in a timely manner to constituent concerns.

I would ask if appointed to take over the vacancy on the Middlesex-London Health Unit left by former Councillor Kayabaga to ensure the Health Unit does not suffer from more turnover on the board, while we move (hopefully) out of this global pandemic. Thank you for your consideration with this difficult and important decision.

Please provide a brief written statement regarding your experience and qualifications: (maximum 250 words):

Throughout my 30+ years living in London, I have working with large governmental organizations with complex and diverse challenges. In the past, I have been involved in governance at Western, a major employer/institution in Ward 6 and have represented Ward 6 for five years on the school board.

Please see the attached resume for more details. After Graduating from Western for my Political Science Undergraduate Degree (B.A. Hons) and then the University of Ottawa Faculty of Law (J.D.), I began working and building a law practice in 2013 at Cohen Highley law firm, where I am currently an Equity Partner. I have experience in Municipal liability with regards to sidewalk winter maintenance, however my practice is mostly focused on plaintiff personal injury.

I have been active in the community my entire life. From 2013-2018 I was the School Trustee on the Thames Valley District School Board and served 2 years as Chair in 2017-2018. While on the school board I served on over 15 committees including Audit, Budget, First Nations, Chairs, Environmental Education, Bylaw Review, Negotiations, Policy Working, etc. I was at the time the youngest chair in Ontario and the first ever member of the LGBTQ community.

I have been honoured to be the City Council appointed citizen representative on the Middlesex-London Health Unit, where I chair the finance committee and CEO/MOH Performance Review.

I also serve on other volunteer boards such as the Humane Society and Goodwill Industries.

Please provide a brief answer to the following question:

Do you intend to seek Election to the same council seat in the 2022 Election? (it being noted that Municipal Council cannot prevent a person who is eligible from seeking election to Municipal Council, regardless of the statement provided.)(maximum 250 words):

While I'm fully committed to London and Ward 6, I DO NOT intend to seek re-election in Ward 6 given the will of the current council to not pre-determine or influence the 2022 Municipal Election in this ward.

Attach resume or other document here, if needed: **Matt Reid Resume 2021.pdf**

Attach more files here, if needed:

Confirmations

You must be able to make these confirmations to apply for this role: **I am a resident of London, Ontario, Canada, or I am the owner or tenant of land there, or the spouse of such owner or tenant.; I am at least 18 years old.; I am not ineligible or disqualified under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996, the Municipal Act, 2001, the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act or any other Act to be elected to or hold the above-mentioned office.; I am not prohibited from voting at the municipal election under the Municipal Elections Act, 1996.; I understand that my application may be published on a public agenda accessible to the public on the City of London's website.**

Submitted on: **10/29/2021 3:20:17 PM**

Matthew D. Reid

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Education

2013 **Called to the Ontario Bar**
▪ Admitted to the Law Society of Upper Canada in June, 2013

2009 to
2012 **Juris Doctor (J.D.)**
University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ontario

2005 to
2009 **Bachelor of Arts, Honours (B.A.)**
University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario
▪ Honors Specialization in Political Science
▪ Graduated with distinction

Work Experience

2010 to
Present **Cohen Highley LLP**
London, Ontario
▪ Lawyer and Partner in the Personal Injury Department

2009 **Queen's Park Intern for Attorney General of Ontario**
Toronto, Ontario
▪ Summer Intern working in Attorney General's Office doing research and communications for the Minister.

2007 to
2009 **Constituency Assistant to Chris Bentley, MPP**
London, Ontario
▪ Worked for Chris Bentley, M.P.P. doing research, correspondence and case work.

Community Involvement

- 2019 to Present **Vice Chair, Humane Society of London and Middlesex**
London, Ontario
- Governance and policy oversight supporting shelter and Executive Director
- 2018 to Present **London and Middlesex Health Unit**
London, Ontario
- City of London Appointee on Health Unit
 - Chair of Finance Committee and Chair of CEO/MOH Performance Review
- 2013 to 2018 **School Trustee and Chair, Thames Valley District School Board**
London, Ontario
- Representing London Wards 2-6 on the School Board
 - Governance and Policy oversight of Board's \$975 million operating budget and 78,000 elementary and secondary school students
- 2006 to 2008 **UWO Board of Governors**
London, Ontario
- Elected the undergraduate representative on the Board of Governors

Awards and Distinctions

- 2019 **Pillar Innovation Award Nominee**
- Nominated in the leadership category for the Pillar Innovation Awards.
- 2017 **Pride London Award**
- Received the Ken Sadler award for Individual Contribution from Pride London.
- 2016 **Top 20 under 40**
- Named one of London's Top 20 under 40 by Business London Magazine