

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

Application

Contact Information

Name: **Wanda Latuszak**

Qualifying Address: **2130 Tribalwood Street**

City, Province, Postal Code: **London**

Phone Number (for internal use only):

Email (for internal use only):

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):

As an accomplished first-generation Canadian businesswoman with a proven record for leading business development & organizational improvement strategies, I am humbled with a long history of implementing civic minded action with community associations & organizations bringing meaningful support & growth to London. For the past 15 years, I have been a dedicated change maker demonstrated by my persistence to make London a better place. As one of Ontario's top realtors, I owe my successful career to my community relationships that are built on trust & confidence. I share my passion, expertise in policy, partnership development, organizational restructuring, business process reengineering, financial strategies, mandate development & implementation with local area initiatives that exceeded organizational expectations.

Some of my civic leadership accomplishments & community giving includes:

- 1) London Housing Advisory Committee: Committee Member 2019-Present**
- 2) Sunfest: Board of Directors, Chair Fundraising Committee – 2020-Present**
- 3) Polonia Towers Social Senior Housing: Pickup & delivery of groceries for seniors in residence – 2020-Present**
- 4) Royal Combatants Association Branch #2: Member, Audit Committee, Building Committee – 2016-Present**
- 5) Salvation Army: Bell Ringer, Annual Fundraiser – 2008-Present**
- 6) Diocese of London: Music Ministry Our Lady of Czestochowa Catholic Church – 1993-Present**
- 7) London Helps: Sourcing Alternative Housing for Medical Professionals. (see attached)**

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

I would be an exemplary Council representative of Ward 6 as my demonstrated desire to serve the community through meaningful and impactful change coupled with my ambition to step up on behalf of those who want and need change during these challenging times. With growing up and living in London my entire life, for the majority in Ward 6, I have a clear understanding of the issues and opportunities this community has to offer. I will continue to commit to inspire action with my fellow leaders much like the mentors and previous Councillors that have inspired me to work for our community.

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):

Similar as to how fellow Londoners had asked me to represent at Council for this current opportunity, I will continue to listen to their confidence and inspiration leading up to the election whether or not to campaign in 2022.

Attach resume or other document here, if needed: **Wanda Latuszak Ward 6.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: **11/1/2021 10:35:55 PM**

November 3, 2021

Ms. Wanda Latuszak
2130 Tribalwood Street
London, Ontario, N6G 0R5

Corporate Services Committee
City of London
300 Dufferin Avenue
London, Ontario, N6B 1Z2

RE: Appointment of Ward 6 Councillor

Dear Committee Members, with the recent resignation of Ward 6 Councillor Phil Squire, I would like to express my interest in the position as a candidate that will work with the current London City Council, Committees, Boards and Londoners' to achieve our collective vision under the current mandates within the Council Strategic Plan, London Plan and strengthen Londoners' confidence in the councils resilient campaign to an inclusive socio-economic recovery.

As an accomplished first-generation Canadian businesswoman with a proven record for leading business development and organizational improvement strategies, I am humbled with a long history of implementing civic minded action with community associations and organizations bringing meaningful support and growth to the City of London.

For the past 15 years, I have been a dedicated change maker demonstrated by my persistence to make the City of London a better place. As one of Southwestern Ontario's top realtors, I owe my successful career to my community relationships that are built on trust and confidence. I share not only my passion but also expertise in policy, partnership development, organizational restructuring, business process reengineering, financial strategies, mandate development and implementation with local area initiatives that exceeded organizational expectations.

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- 2) **Sunfest:** Board of Directors, Chair Fundraising Committee – 2020-Present
- 3) **Polonia Towers (Social Senior Housing):** Pickup and delivery of groceries for seniors in residence – 2020-Present
- 4) **Royal Combatants Association Branch #2:** Member, Audit Committee, Building Committee – 2016-Present
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- 7) **London Helps:** Sourcing Alternative Housing for Medical Professionals during Covid - 2020
- 8) **Museum London:** Foundation Board Member, Special Events Committee Chair, Center at the Forks Cabinet – 2016 - 2020
- 9) **Fanshawe College:** Experience Ontario Mentor – 2017-18

- 10) **City of London:** Issuing Deputy Return Officer – 2014 Municipal election
- 11) **Karen Schuessler Singers:** Director Donor Development 2012-13
- 12) **Media Group Financial Credit Union:** Board Chair, re-elect – 2003-09 approx.
- 13) **Sunshine Dreams for Kids:** Volunteer Coordinator – 2005 approx.

As a proud mom to my stepson Phoenix, daughter Aria and loving partner to my fiancé Joseph, we love the beauty and excitement that our great city offers our family. When I'm out being a local tourist or enjoying our local restaurants as an avid foodie, I listen and share in ideas from Londoners that can bring positive change to our growing community.

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Thank you for your time and consideration of my application and I look forward to hearing

Sincerely,

Wanda Latuszak
Realtor/Entrepreneur/Community Organizer