

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

Application

Contact Information

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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):

I have made London my home for the next two years while I study at Fanshawe College for Event Management and Logistics, and I am eager to engage with the community. Born at St Joseph's Hospital London in 1994, London is where my personal story began. I believe that filling the vacant position on council would be an excellent opportunity to network, support the community and gain a beneficial skillset through experience. I am a transparent, open minded and approachable individual, whom, given the opportunity, would work tirelessly to ensure success within this position with the London City Council. I believe building vibrant and healthy communities takes leadership that prioritizes residents and allows for open communication to encourage feedback while demonstrating a willingness to learn and adjust aspects in an attempt to further benefit the members of this community. London has also been vocal in addressing numerous goals that I support, such as affordable housing. Ward 6 is in need of a responsible leader who requires minimal guidance within the duration of this term. Ward 6 would thrive with a younger innovative leader, that is capable of accomplishing the required tasks while remaining relatable and approachable toward the younger demographic attending Western University. Over the last 8 years that I have worked in York Region, home to 1.2 million residents, I have witnessed and experienced what it takes to develop a region that encompasses diverse communities, ever-expanding infrastructure, and a place that residents are proud to call home.

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

Within the last 8 years that I have worked alongside municipalities, businesses, police services and not-for-profits within York Region, I have gained insight in the operational aspect of municipal governments. I have built and managed many projects in collaboration with the 9 municipalities in York Region, which has allowed me the opportunity to understand the methods in which municipalities engage with their communities. Including, but not limited to: development of infrastructure pertaining to roads, buildings, and programs, as well as supporting local not-for-profits and organizations in an effort to provide necessary social, mental, and physical supports for the community.

Areas of qualification through past work:

- Strategic planning
- Future of the municipality
- ♣ Live, work, play
- Making it a tourism destination
- ♣ Expanding on pre-existing programming

- ♣ Enhance partnerships with businesses and neighbouring communities
- Addressing poverty, homelessness, and affordable housing
- ♣ Development that supports change
- Supporting substance abuse programs
- ♣ Harm reduction
- ♣ Navigating pre-existing resources in the community
- Community engagement
- ♣ Park enhancements
- ♣ Events, festivals, etc.
- Profit and loss
- Budgeting
- Bookkeeping
- Clear understanding of municipal operations
- Excellent business engagement
- Appreciates importance of heritage and history
- Capable of making impactful decisions

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):

During this time, I believe that I can support the City of London through my interest to fill the current gap through the position for ward 6. With an outstanding customer service approach, experience within the not-for-profit/ private sector and understanding of budgets. This position is of temporary interest as I am not seeking to run for the 2022 municipal elections. This would strictly be a brief opportunity to expand my knowledge and formal government experience. I believe that I have the skillset to fill this position at the current moment and I would personally like to see a larger representation of the 2SLGBTQ+ community on the London City Council. This is why I look forward to joining a team that understands the importance of diversity and supporting its community. It is imperative that the member representing this Ward is engaged, open-minded and always has the residents' best interests in mind.

Attach resume or other document here, if needed:

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.**

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