

Committee: **Council Compensation Review Task Force**

Organization/Sector represented:

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Occupation: **Social Worker**

Work experience: **Currently providing clinical counselling to youth and families involved in the justice system. Spent several years working within the shelter system advocating for people experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, mental health or addiction challenges. Have also worked within Ontario Works and the education system, helping people achieve goals.**

Education: **Master of Social Work degree, Bachelor of Social Work degree, Social Service Worker diploma, Community Advocacy Certificate, currently completing a program in Alternative Dispute Resolution with a focus on Mediation, Registered with the Ontario College of Social Workers and Social Service Workers.**

Skills: **I was once a Governor of the Board of Lambton College and I was the Vice-President Internal of the Student Academic Council of Lambton College, so I have experience working on boards, with special projects, and budgets issues, including compensation.**

Interest reason: **First, because I believe that there is a crisis of confidence in politics and with politicians and compensation is a particularly sensitive issue for many; thus I would like to help give a reasoned voice of the public to this task force. Second, because I intrinsically believe in citizen participation in the democratic process and want to become better involved in my community.**

Contributions: **As a member-at-large, I believe I would bring insight and accountability from the community. And as a helping professional, I believe I bring collaborative people skills, effective listening skills, and a perspective of equity.**

Past contributions: **As mentioned above, as a member of the Board of Governors of Lambton College, we made many important decisions regarding the operations of the facility, including the hiring and compensation of the (then) college President.**

Interpersonal: **As a Registered Social Worker and a budding Mediator, I have years of experience listening to others, empathizing with others, striving to understand others, and respecting the views of others. And, collaboration, compromise, and validation are an important part of the relationship building that I perform daily with my clients and colleagues alike.**

Interview interest: **Yes**