

City of London - Application for Appointment to a City of London Board or Commission

Application

Please choose the Board or Commission you are interested in serving on: **LMCH**

Contact Information

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Experience and Qualifications

If you have experience on a London Board or Commission, please provide dates and details. (max. 3000 characters):

I have no experience on a London Board or Commission.

What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of a Board or Commission? (max. 3000 characters):

I have a keen interest in personal and professional achievement and growth. I have a love of learning and am always eager to improve my community. I am socially-minded and have many ideas to improve the environment, communication with tenants, and the social landscape of my community. I am always aware of the needs of the more vulnerable members of my community and I wish to find ways to make sure their voices are heard.

I have always been interested in advocacy for vulnerable populations and have lived experience escaping a domestic violence situation and I have intimate knowledge of challenges and social supports available to tenants, especially women, who join LMCH's community. I aim to use my excellent communication and research skills to assist tenants and community members in housing security, health and wellness, education, and other issues they may face. I have excellent organizational skills, as evidenced by my exemplary grades achieved while also raising a 4 year old child as a single parent. I am dependable and passionate about community improvement and adding a thoughtful human element to the organizations that support our community.

I wish to assist tenants with knowledge of and access to existing social supports. I aim to improve my community through advocating for community projects and introducing ideas that are fiscally sound, yet efficient and effective. Above all, I want to make a real difference to the people that call LMCH properties home.

How will you support the work of a Board or Commission? (max. 3000 characters):

I will support the work of the Board through connecting with community partners, collecting information and ideas from tenants, organizing community meetings and outreach, and providing proposals for new or existing projects.

I can add a unique perspective to the conversation because I have personal experience as a tenant and as a member of the community which is affected by Board decisions. I have a passion for community outreach and I am willing to work closely with tenants to collect their perspectives and ensure their voices are heard when the Board makes decisions that affect them. I will dutifully attend all meetings and prepare any reports or proposals promptly to the Board. My goal is always to affect positive change.

Please describe additional experience, training, or community involvement that will help you in your role as a Board or Commission Member. (max. 3000 characters):

I worked as a manager at a busy Mcdonald's location on 50 Dundurn St., Hamilton, ON,(2011-2017) before moving to London (2017) and staying home to take care of my

child. I returned to school (Wheable Adult Ed) in 2020 to upgrade credits, and am currently a Fanshawe student taking a Pre-Health Sciences program with a GPA of 4.17, and am applying to Dental Hygiene and Nursing programs.

I have fostered a child on an emergency basis (2012) and provided for her needs, both financial and emotional, while helping her connect with family under the purview of the CAS.

I have personal experience connecting with other tenants, donating necessities, and assisting connecting to resources and supports for new tenants.

I have personal experience dealing with the Landlord Tenant Board, and as such am very familiar with the RTA and all obligations of both tenants and landlords in Ontario.

My experience working in management has many transferable skills. While I managed cash, equipment maintenance, inventory ordering and scheduling, the most important skills I developed were leadership skills and interpersonal skills. I learned how to work hard and inspire others to work hard through intrinsic motivation. I learned how to manage people as a group and as individuals. I learned the importance of listening to people's concerns, and how powerful simple appreciation and recognition can be to people in terms of their motivation. I took leadership courses through my work and learned how to be a role model, a coach, a leader, and a facilitator for success. I have taken these skills into many avenues of life and everything I do, I do with excellence and a personal drive to succeed. I always put 100% effort into anything I attempt. I will bring that level of dedication to this role because I know as a member of the Board of Directors, I can make meaningful change for some of society's most vulnerable members.

Please tell us about your interest in being a part of the London Middlesex Community Housing board. Why are you interested in this particular opportunity? What do you hope to contribute, and how would you support the work of the London Middlesex Community Housing board?(max. 3000 characters):

I would like to be a part of the LMCH board because I believe the Board needs someone with a perspective such that they know what it is like to be significantly financially disadvantaged. LMCH manages subsidized housing, and as such they provide for the housing needs of disabled people, single parents, people coming out of shelters, people struggling with substance abuse or domestic violence. LMCH communities have a higher than normal incidence of community problems like violence, vandalism, and poverty. The Board needs someone who is aware of the challenges and needs of tenants in a low socioeconomic bracket, and who has realistic ideas of what projects will and will not work, and why. The Board needs a voice that does not come from privilege or even a middle class family. Many members of the LMCH community need access to social supports and either do not know about them or face barriers in accessing them, barriers which some may not have even thought of.

I seek to be that bridge that will give these tenants a voice.

Please tell us about your educational background, professional credentials, or any other training which is relevant to this position. (max. 3000 characters):

I completed my OSSD with an Ontario Scholar designation, and am a current student at Fanshawe college in Pre-Health Sciences with a GPA of 4.17. I have taken leadership courses through my previous position as a manager in food service.

Please describe any relevant work and/or lived experience you have. (max. 3000 characters):

My management experience has provided me with leadership skills and interpersonal skills, as well as business management skills.

I have fostered a child on an emergency basis while working with the CAS to find her a stable family home.

I have escaped a domestic violent marriage with my baby and ended up as a tenant with LMCH as a result, and have since succeeded as a single parent while attending school full time and achieving grades that identify me as on the Dean's Honour Roll at Fanshawe College.

Tell us about your involvement in any public or private sector boards, community involvement, or other experiences that are relevant to this position. Please describe the roles you played and the period of time you were involved.(max. 3000 characters):

I have no other experience that has not already been mentioned.

If necessary, please provide any additional relevant information that is not captured in your previous answers.(max. 3000 characters): **Thank you for your consideration.**

Attach resume or other document here, if needed:

Attach more files here, if needed:

Confirmations

I declare the following: **I am a resident of London. ; I am at least 18 years old.; I am not a City employee or Council member.; I understand that my application will be included on a public agenda that is published on the City website.**

For members of the public applying to serve as Tenant Directors on the London Middlesex Community Housing Board. I declare the following: **I am currently a tenant of London Middlesex Community Housing; I understand that should I no longer be a LMCH tenant due to transfer of property or moving out, I will need to resign this position.**

To help inform our outreach activities, please tell us how you heard about this opportunity: (optional): **Other**

If you selected 'Other', please specify: **I received an e-mail from LMCH inviting me to apply for the position.**

Submitter E-mail:

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