

## City of London - Application for Appointment to City of London Community Advisory Committees

### Application

Committee you are interested in serving on: **Community Advisory Committee on Planning**

If applying for the Accessibility Community Advisory Committee, please select: **No, I am not an applicant with a disability.**

If applying for the Ecological Community Advisory Committee, a professional designation, education or experience in related fields is a requirement based on the technical nature of the committee work. Please indicate your area(s) of expertise:

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

### Contact Information

Name: **Joseph Wabegijig**

City: **London**

Province: **ON**

Postal Code: **N5X0J3**

### Experience and Qualifications

If you have experience on a London Advisory Committee, please provide dates and details. (max. 250 characters): **I have no experience in London Advisory Committees.**

What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of a Community Advisory Committee? (max. 250 characters): **I have a background in Civil engineering and implementing upto \$5Billion in Infrastructure projects and planning globally. I have lived in cities across Ontario and have identified areas of opportunity for our city to flourish.**

How will you support the work of a Community Advisory Committee? (max. 250 characters): **Bringing my technical knowledge and experience to the committee on global best practices.**

Please describe additional experience, training, or community involvement that will help you in your role as a Community Advisory Committee Member. (max. 250 characters): **I have volunteered in various board, committee positions external to London on Capital infrastructure planning and have seen how strategic city planning can foster tourism, transportation efficiencies, economic growth and residential opportunities.**

Attach resume or other document here, if needed: **Joseph Wabegijig - Resume - 2022.pdf**

### 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 the commitment may be up to 4 hours per month to attend meetings and prepare.; I understand that my application and any attachments will be included on a public agenda that is published on the City website.**

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

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

Submitted on: **4/5/2022 3:42:00 PM**

# JOSEPH WABEGIJIG

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## CAREER PROFILE

An accomplished **Advisor to Federal Ministers, Senior Director and Consultant** with a proven record for building and leading project development and interdisciplinary government departments to support growth that matches Indigenous challenges and opportunities with innovative policy, technology and business models. Expertise includes: Short and long-term **National, Regional and Local Infrastructure Strategies, Policy Research and development, Asset Management and Strategic Planning, Business Development, Business Process Reengineering, Partnership Development, Strategic Planning, Organizational Restructuring and Optimization, Political Strategy and Communications.**

Known within the Indigenous infrastructure sector for identifying innovative models in which create economic opportunities that include indigenous concepts resulting in profitability through the delivery of exceptional service and prudent management of people, technology and processes. Proven ability to manage budgets in excess 2 million and advise on Multi-Million and Billion Federal Budgets across multiple Federal Departments; align project management strategy with corporate/organization/department strategies; set business and group goals; and lead Federal Department Mandates with large management teams to achieve goals and exceed organizational or government expectations.

## SIGNIFICANT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Advisor/Member of the Ontario Clean Water Agency First Nations Advisory Circle to advise and support OCWAs enhancement of its partnership and integration of the Agency's strategies for First Nations Water Infrastructure Projects.
- Advised the Office of the Minister of Indigenous Services Canada and the Prime Ministers Office with implementing the commitment to resolving all the long drinking water-advisories in First Nations communities across Canada.
- Policy Advisor to the first Minister of Indigenous Services Canada on Housing, Infrastructure, New Fiscal Relationship, Lands & Economic Development that drives positive change as mandated by the Prime Minister for department reform and devolution that supports the development of Indigenous Authority over quality-of-life service delivery.
- Supported the implementation of over 2 Billion in infrastructure investments nationally in Indigenous communities to achieve the commitments of the Government of Canada.
- National Technical Team member for the 2018 Assembly of First Nations Operations & Maintenance Technical Team for First Nations & Indigenous Services Canada Infrastructure reform.
- Leading the development of a First-of-kind Sustainable First Nations Water Strategy for Chippewa of the Thames First Nation that combines Indigenous cultural beliefs and western asset management and project management practices.
- Co-founder and Vice President of the Aboriginal Environmental Leadership Circle, a National non-profit association to support efforts and ideas that lead to sustainable environmental management solutions.
- Established multiple strategic business relationships for an International engineering firm to capture new business markets and win strategic projects worth over \$500 Million in CAPEX.
- Supported strategic investments to achieve multiple industry recognized business awards
- Proven Leader in promoting Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics careers to Indigenous youth

- Guest Speaker & Presenter to University of Toronto - Troost Institute for Leadership In Engineering, University of Western Ontario Department of Environmental Engineering, and Queens University on Indigenous Infrastructure, Project Management, Consulting and Stakeholder engagement

## **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

### **LEADERSHIP & INNOVATION**

- Leading development of a Regional First Nations Led Approach to Housing and Infrastructure Transformation for BC First Nations through the BC Housing and Infrastructure Council
- Executing and constructing the University of Ottawa's Centre for Indigenous Community Infrastructure for the Faculty of Engineering, while integrating the guiding principles of equity, diversity and inclusion, partnership, flexibility, and leadership in addition, incorporating the University's' Indigenous Action Plan to ensure all strategies and initiatives are adopted.
- Advising National and Local Leaders on innovative approaches to reforming federal policy that supports socio-economic and sustainable community Infrastructure and Housing
- Developed a 20-year infrastructure strategy that includes the development of residential, commercial and industrial development
- Advising Indigenous Leaders on development of sustainable community infrastructure, housing and economic development strategies and governance
- Advised Senior Executives and Global Managing Directors on engaging Indigenous communities and leaders to build positive economic relationships to support the advancement of Indigenous business through innovative marketing of company expertise and patented technologies
- Developing innovative Policy and Governance to create sustainable community development in First Nations communities
- Modernization of the Public Works department to improve productivity, services, quality and reduce cost
- Developing a First Nations Social Procurement model to increase community investment and profitability of the local economy

## **RELEVANT EXPERIENCE**

### **University of Ottawa**

March 2021-Present

#### **Contract Work - Centre Coordinator**

- Executing and constructing the University of Ottawa's Centre for Indigenous Community Infrastructure for the Faculty of Engineering, while integrating the guiding principles of equity, diversity and inclusion, partnership, flexibility, and leadership in addition, incorporating the University's' Indigenous Action Plan to ensure all strategies and initiatives are adopted
- Coordinating the Centre for Indigenous Community Infrastructure research relationship, projects, proposals in collaboration with Indigenous community partners
- Supporting the Faculty of Engineering's Recruitment team to plan recruitment events and activities to support short and long-term targeted recruitment strategies of Indigenous Students and new staff and faculty
- Developing partnership agreements with Indigenous communities that foster lasting research relationships for community infrastructure and economic development opportunities that also support the Truth and Reconciliation Commission report.

### **Phoenix Smart Infrastructure Founder-CEO**

December 2019-Present

- Operating a management consulting services start-up that support indigenous communities to strengthen their role in developing sustainable infrastructure program development that achieves their sustainable development goals
- Providing advisory services for Indigenous Community Infrastructure, including indigenous community engagement, Project Portfolio management
- Drafting strategic development of an International Indigenous Infrastructure Centre of Excellence
- Consulting and Executive Management for BC First Nations Housing & Infrastructure Council for the development of a First Nations led approach to develop a Regional Housing and Infrastructure Programs and Service Delivery Authority to replace Indigenous Services Canada in the region of B.C, which included:
- Restructuring the Administration to align team members to accomplish objectives of the organization
- Supporting the Board with addressing Board Governance gaps and roles and responsibilities
- Development of strategic relationships and partnership with key stakeholders to meet the Mandate of FNHIC at the direction of leadership organizations.
- Creating a strategic plan to accomplish the organizations key deliverables that support policy, organizational development, data and financial projections for institutional development.

**Office of the Minister of Indigenous Services  
Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister**

September 2018-December 2019

- Advised and supported the Minister and Prime Ministers Office, Chief of Staff, Director of Policy and department to outline and implement policy strategies that advance the Government of Canada's priorities through the Minister's mandate, including improving housing and Infrastructure outcomes and delivering investments to ensure First Nations on-reserve have access to clean water
- Briefed the Minister, Prime Minister's Office, MP's, the Parliamentary Secretary on progress of Indigenous housing, Infrastructure, inclusive of the long-term drinking water advisory commitment and led the resolution of 16 drinking water advisories
- Review and revised detailed policy documents including Memorandums to Cabinet and Treasury Board Submissions to with and for the Minister and Ministerial staff
- Represented the Minister and consulted with First Nations leaders and other stakeholders regarding the development of sustainable initiatives that support their communities.

**PSD Consulting Research & Software  
Asset Management Consultant**

May 2018 – September 2018

- Consulting for Municipal Governments involving the development of Municipal Infrastructure Asset Management Policies and Infrastructure Asset Management Plans.
- Researching Public sector Government best practices in creating and maintaining sustainable infrastructure management systems.

**Chippewa of the Thames First Nation  
Director of Public Works**

2016 - 2018

- Independently developed and implemented a community asset management program in collaboration with Western University, Guelph University and City of London
- Developer of the Sustainable Community Development Model for the community that incorporates long-term planning of infrastructure in which is integrated and sustained through economic development

- Short and long-term strategic planning of the Public Works department and community Infrastructure to implement the Comprehensive Community Plan and combining with economic development
- Advising Executive Director on strategic organizational and process restructuring of First Nation Administration and advising on intergovernmental relations

**Hatch Ltd.**

2013 - 2016

**Consultant – Construction, Project Delivery, Environment, Indigenous Projects**

- Advised CEO and Global Managing Directors on Indigenous: talent acquisition, partnerships, marketing, stakeholder relations, procurement strategies, cultural awareness training to guide key business strategies and position the company and community partners for success in major projects
- Developed new business and marketing strategy for leveraging existing intellectual property and services for the infrastructure, energy and mining sectors to ensure strong and lasting partnerships with Indigenous business
- Represented Hatch at related sector conferences, public speaking engagements, panel discussions, national industry committees, client meetings and presentations
- Fast tracked through multiple progressive roles within the company to accelerate new business markets and increase revenue
- Supported the Proposal team in incorporating strategic added value services relevant to Indigenous communities that resulted in Mega project wins for large mining projects.
- Developed strategic partnerships with 5 Indigenous communities and businesses that align with the company's values and business strategy across all sectors of business in key project locations
- Created new business relationships in the mining and metals, energy and infrastructure sectors involving Indigenous clientele, industry leaders and government officials
- Supported the development of an Indigenous minerals technical services business model to support and educate and build capacity for Indigenous involvement in the minerals sector.

**EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- **Bachelors Degree, Civil Engineering** – Lakehead University 2012 – 5 Credits earned
- **Civil Engineering Technology Diploma** - Algonquin College 2012
- **Construction Engineering Technician Diploma** - Algonquin College 2011
- **Home and Building Automation Technician Diploma** – Fleming College 2005
- **Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians & Technologists OACETT** Associate member 2016
- **Canadian Society for Civil Engineering** – Associate member 2013
- **Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure** – Envision Certificate – Candidate 2021

References upon request.