

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

### Application

Committee you are interested in serving on: **Integrated Transportation Community Advisory Committee**

If applying for the Accessibility Community Advisory Committee, please select:

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: **Ashfaq (Kash) Husain**

City: **London**

Province: **ON**

Postal Code: **N6K 1P8**

### Experience and Qualifications

If you have experience on a London Advisory Committee, please provide dates and details. (max. 250 characters): **I have been an active volunteer with the City for over 20 years serving on the following advisory committees:**

- **ACCAC 2002 - 2022, Chair 4 years Member & Resource Member**
- **DIAAC 2001 - 2022, Resource Member representing PWD**
- **CDIS 2018 - 2022, Co-Chair & Priority 4 Chair**

What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of a Community Advisory Committee? (max. 250 characters): **I would like to share my knowledge and understanding of Accessibility issues in the development and implementation of integrated transportation plans.**

How will you support the work of a Community Advisory Committee? (max. 250 characters): **Throughout my Voluntary career I have always been an active Committee member taking on additional roles/responsibilities to insure the Committee's work was completed. I have also encouraged others to be active participants by sharing their knowledge & opinions.**

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 am a retired Electrical Engineer. While on this Committee I will be able to draw upon not only my Engineering skills & experience, but also my understanding of accessibility, in the review of issues that will be presented to the ITCAC.**

### 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): **Contact from the City Clerk's Office**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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ASHFAQ (KASH) HUSAIN

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Kash, as he is known by most of his colleagues, is a graduate of Mount Allison University and Dalhousie University, where he obtained a B. Eng. in Electrical Engineering.

Upon graduation, Kash worked as a Consulting Engineer designing Electrical Power and Distribution Systems for large industrial plants. These would include: Oil Refineries, Pulp and Paper Mills, Waste Water Treatment Plants, Airports, Dockyards, to name a few.

All that changed on March 31, 2000, when Kash left his employment because he was experiencing severe vision loss. Kash had been diagnosed with Retinitis Pigmentosa, a degenerative condition of the retina.

They say that when one door closes another one opens.

In his case the door was labeled “Volunteerism”, something Kash was familiar with. He could now spend more of his time sharing his knowledge and experience with others. He volunteers with the City of London, sitting on DIAAC and the Accessibility Advisory Committee – where he was their inaugural Chair (2001-2005). He also volunteers with the CNIB, FFB (Foundation Fighting Blindness), the UWO School of Occupational Therapy and the IEEE.

Kash strongly believes that sharing his knowledge, experiences and collaborating with others can build an inclusive and welcoming community for all.

The following are a few of the many volunteer positions that Kash has been involved with for the past 30+ years.

City of London:

2000 – present – Diversity, Inclusion and Anti Oppression Advisory Committee.  
Member representing persons with disabilities.

2001 – present – Accessibility Advisory Committee.  
Inaugural Chair (2001 – 2005). Active Member (2005 – present).

2019 – present – Community, Diversity and Inclusion Strategy Committee.  
Co-Chair of the City wide initiative to insure the City of London is a welcoming and inclusive community for all of its citizens. This will also include addressing the issues raised by the “Black Lives Matter” London movement.

#### Fighting Blindness Canada:

1993 – present – Over the past 27 years I have organized many fund raising events these include Ride for Sight, Comic Vision and Vision Quest. I have also been an active participant making presentations at many of these functions.

#### Independent Living Centre London and Area:

I was on the Board of Directors for a total of six years serving as Vice Chair for two, Chair for two and a Member for the remaining two years.

#### CNIB Foundation:

Over the past 30 years I have been an active volunteer with the CNIB. I served on their Regional Board (SW Ont.) for two years. I have also participated in and organized many fund raising events, delivered presentations at seminars and special events.

#### Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers: (IEEE)

For more than 30 years I have been a very active volunteer with the IEEE serving on Local and National Boards. From 2008 – 2011, I was Chair of the Ontario Regional Committees and from 2011 - 2016 I served as Treasurer of the National Board. I have also been the Treasurer and Local Arrangements Chair for their International Technical Conferences held in Ontario.

#### Awards:

2012 – Queen Elizabeth 11 Diamond Jubilee Medal.

2011 – June Callwood Outstanding Achievement Award for Voluntarism in Ontario.

2011 – Wally S Read Award for Volunteerism with IEEE Canada.