

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: **Committee of Adjustment**

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 previously served as a member of the Environmental and Ecological Planning Advisory Committee (EEPAC) for 5 years, starting in 2006 through 2011. I have also sat on the Committee of Adjustment from 2010 until 2014, and again from 2018 to the present, where on both occasions I have held the position of Vice-Chair and Chair.

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

As a current member of the Committee of Adjustment, I hope to continue to bring an open-minded and common-sense approach to my position on the committee. I believe that my experience on other boards and committees, my knowledge of the planning process, the official plan guidelines as well as the intricacies minor variance process will be an asset to the committee.

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

Through my work on the committee and in the community, I have acquired an ample working knowledge of the planning process and hope to uphold the integrity of the "London plan" while acknowledging that the reason the committee exists is that with a city as diverse as ours, not every project can fit perfectly in the box set out by the Official Plan, and even projects that are the most advantageous to the city may need minor variances.

Also, as chair of the Committee of Adjustment, I do my best to make the experience as welcoming and stress-free as possible. Knowing that a large portion of the applicants that come before us are not professional planners but private homeowners and the process can often be confusing and intimidating for someone that doesn't experience it on a regular basis.

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

In addition to my time spent on EEPAC and the C of A, as well as being a business partner in London, I have held positions on several volunteer boards and commissions. Such as, being the President of the Optimist Club of London East, the Chair of the East London Canada Day celebration, the Director of Finance for the HOBY Youth Leadership program, and volunteering with the tree planting project on Veterans Memorial Parkway as well as several others.

In these positions, I have learned a great deal about conflict resolution and more importantly how to contribute and lead a board full of differing personalities and opinions without the need for conflict resolution.

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 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:

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