

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: **Covent Garden Market Corporation Board of Directors**

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 do not have experience on any boards or commissions for the City of London. However, I do have a lot of Board experience within the city, such as more that 10 years on the Board at ATN, I have sat on the board of Investing in Children, Gan Gani Nursery School, just to name a few. And, as of last week, I have been elected to the Member Advisory Council for the Boys & Girls Club/Horton Street Seniors Centre.

Plus, I have worked for an organization with a Board of Directors for over 30 years so I understand how the process works.

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

I live in the downtown core and have for a very long time. I am very community minded and am aware that the London of today is not the London of yesterday and like most places in the world, has a host of new challenges to conquer. I am very politically minded and wish to be a part of the solution rather than just sit back & complain about the current problems.

Yes, the past 2 1/2 years of Covid have added to the many problems the city is dealing with but we have to be honest here - many of these problems were there before Covid - they have just grown.

I have a not-for-profit background having worked for The London Chamber of Commerce for over 33 years and in that position, I often worked with representation from The City. My past experiences dealt with Membership, Sponsorship and networking opportunities as well as working with the public. I feel these skills can help me in making a positive contribution to the City of London.

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

I feel that my passion for community and wanting to make a difference will help me to make a positive contribution.

As a newly retired individual, I have the time to give and I have the desire to "give back" to the City I have lived in for over 45 years.

I strongly believe that it's very important to be involved in community service and I truly want to be involved in making London a better place to live.

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

As mentioned above, I have sat on many Boards of Directors within the city for many years. I understand the workings of a Board and how important it is to

contribute and volunteer.

I am newly retired from The London Chamber of Commerce after just over 33 years and I also have a Early Childhood teaching background from before working there.

While working at the chamber I obtained a very good understanding of The City of London - both the positive aspects and the negative. I have watched it grow from a relatively small town, when I first moved here from Montreal, to the Metropolis is is, today. However, with that growth comes many challenges and I would like to help be part of the solutions.

I am very well connected within the business community which I think could be of help to the city, and have worked closely, in the past, with many of the city's mayor's and council.

In my work with The London Chamber of Commerce, I was instrumental in forming an Agri Business Committee which brought members of the agricultural and the business community together to collaborate on things that were of equal importance to both groups.

Since agriculture is such an important economic driver in Southwestern Ontario, I strongly felt that this kind of partnership was something that it was important for the chamber to be involved with and to offer to our members.

It was a very vibrant group who worked hard on advocacy and policy items on behalf of the agricultural sector. We brought in guest speakers, held farm tours in and around London/Middlesex County and put on networking events in a social, relaxed environment - all which benefited both sides. I was the organizer/administrator of all these programs.

I am still involved in helping to promote agriculture and supporting/buying local. Since retiring last December, I have been involved with the Middlesex/London Food Policy Council and have been involved in the Food Literacy Conference they will be holding at The Grove/Western Fair, in early November.

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.**

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