

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: **Eldon House**

Contact Information

Name: **Joseph O'Neil**

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Province: **ON**

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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): - **past and current treasurer of Eldon House board of directors;**
- **past chair of LACH (London Advisory Committee on Heritage);**
- **past auxiliary police constable for 15 years with the London Police Service**
- **past board member (via LACH) on London Heritage Foundation (responsible for Groversner Lodge and Elsie Perwin Williams Estate);**

What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of a Board or Commission? (max. 3000 characters): **What I get most personally out of all the boards and services i was on is the constant education. Laws and regulations and ways of doing things are in constant state of change and evolution (for lack of better words).**

For example, I learn more about changes in labour laws sitting on this and other boards than I could ever learn anywhere else.

As for contribution, even in private life i am always interested in heritage and history at all levels. What i learn about our history blends in perfectly with duties on the board.

As owner-operator of O'Neil Funeral Home, I bring first hand business experience on dealing with day to day matters of the operation of a business. I always offer my expertise and experience there.

How will you support the work of a Board or Commission? (max. 3000 characters): **Any way they need me.**

In the past, when an alarm went off at 2:00 a.m., I would be happy to be down there checking things out. We now have security do that.

I think however the biggest thing that needs to be done is someday see Eldon House as a National Historic Site.

Here is the thing- almost all history, anywhere, is written by men. The Eldon House diaries and the history written therein, and just as importantly, the photographs taken by the woman of Eldon House (one of them was a photographer at the turn of the century)show a different perspective than men. Woman I find "see" things different and notice small details that men will often overlook.

That i more important that most people realize. That always needs to be brought to the forefront, and that is what helps make the history of Eldon House unique not just in London, but all Canada.

Please describe additional experience, training, or community involvement that will help you in your role as a Board or Commission Member. (max. 3000 characters): - **current board member of STEP - the St. Thomas Elevated Park project. That is Canada's first "high park";**

- **former board member of the Fugitive Slave Chapel Project here in London;**
- **past treasurer of the London Intercommunity Health Centre in Old East;**
- **past president, London Centre of the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada;**
- **past president of LASA (London and Area Sysop Association);**

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): **Professional or community organization**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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