

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: **London Public Library Board**

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 prior experience on a London Board or Commission.

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

I hope to contribute to the preservation and continuation of key London programs and initiatives with the aim to see London grow as a vibrant, accessible, and equitable city for all. I bring excellent analytical and problem-solving skills from my career as a lawyer. I have a strong background in advocacy and my work allows me to connect with Londoners from a range of diverse backgrounds and circumstances. Prior to my law career, I worked in a project-based HR and recruiting environment in a supervisory role. I had many opportunities to navigate conflict while managing staff, clients, limited resources and tight timelines. These experiences offered unique insight into seeking solutions in situations where parties are often unwilling to compromise. I want to connect with a diverse group of Londoners and learn more about our city's key institutions. Specifically, the library has shaped much of my life in London, from my regular attendance as a child that resulted in my being an avid reader throughout my life, to the library's support of programs that I utilized as a parent with my young children, to my family's regular trips to the library to foster the same love of reading that I have in my children. My goal is to give back to this city where I have lived for the majority of my life and that I consider my life-long home.

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

I believe that my well-rounded education and career background, my experiences living in London, and my desire to invest in our local community ensure I would be an excellent fit for a role on the Library Board. My experiences in my law career have reinforced the importance of a strong team to ensure appropriate leadership on a variety of issues that translates to the work of the Board. I have been able to hone skills in research and writing throughout my career. I am a focused, dedicated advocate and fundamentally a team player. I enjoy collaboration and creative problem-solving and I especially appreciate working with diverse people who may see challenges in a different and fresh way. I value equity and value the library's critical role of providing services for all Londoners. I strongly believe in this work and wish to support its continuation and growth.

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

I am a family law lawyer specializing in healthy conflict resolution. I am certified in collaborative law and using those skills I focus on consensual dispute resolution and the ability to guide individuals and groups through difficult issues to focus on their underlying interests and how those interests can be met.

I am a member of the Law Society of Ontario, the Collaborative Family Law Group of London and the Middlesex Family Law Association. I earned a Bachelor of Humanities Degree (Hons) at the Carleton University in Ottawa and my Juris Doctor at Western University.

I am also a member of my local community association and value the local neighbourhood and broader communities that are being fostered in London. My role within the community association is our local business liaison.

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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(optional): **Word of mouth**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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