

# 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

Name: **Tariq Khan**

City: **London**

Province: **ON**

Postal Code: **N5X 1C6**

## Experience and Qualifications

If you have experience on a London Board or Commission, please provide dates and details. (max. 3000 characters): **See attached file.**

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

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

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

Attach resume or other document here, if needed: **LibraryBoard.pdf**

Attach more files here, if needed: **City\_Resume.pdf**

## 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): **City Website**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

Submitted on: **10/18/2022 5:48:38 PM**

# About Me

Name: Tariq Khan  
Contact: London On.  
Professional Background: Bureaucracy, Metropolitan City management, CyberSecurity



## Specialized Trainings & certificates other than routine departmental trainings:

- Introduction to Indigenous Peoples Culture: CPA Canada (2021)
- Negotiation Skills: Strategies for increased effectiveness: Harvard University (2016)
- Cybersecurity: Technology, Application and Policy: MIT (2016)
- Road Traffic Injury Prevention And Control: John Hopkins (2013)
- Enhancing Municipal Service Delivery Capability: Asian Development Bank (1998)
- Software Application Design & Development: Institution of Electrical Engineers (1991)
- Local Council Officers training : Local Government Institute (1989)
- Aboriginal Worldviews and Education University of Toronto ( Contd.)

## Skill Set

- Corporate Governance, Forward planning, Strategic thinking and Commercial awareness.
- Negotiations, confidence & consensus building.
- Promotion of women empowerment
- Inter & intra Cultures & communities engagements.
- Advocacy for Housing, Homeless, Human rights & Indigenous peoples.
- Dealing in Parliamentary affairs ( Provincial & Federal )
- Crises management through 3Rs (resolve, resiliency and rebuild).
- Parliament/Assembly business handling ( Municipal, Provincial & Federal).
- Benchmarking & continuous improvement.
- Cybersecurity, Software, Technology, Application and Policy.
- Citizens representation & advocacy in public sector boards and Advisory committees.

## Portfolios:

- Commissioner London Transit Commission (2018-2022).
- Member Committee of Revision, City of London (2018-2022).
- Chair Integrated Transportation Citizen Advisory Committee (2022- to-date).
- Member Programming council Western Fair Association Canada.
- President Cancer Registries Canada.
- Director Optimist Club ( North London).
- Vice Chair Crime Prevention & Community Safety Advisory Committee, City of London (2018-2022).
- Vice Chair Transportation Advisory Committee City, City of London(2018-2022).
- Curator PlayCanada - Promotion of sports in London.
- Member Environment Advisory Committee, City of London. (2012-15)
- Member Trees & Forest Advisory Committee, City of London.(2016-2018)
- President RASTA Board ( Road And Street Traffic Awareness) Pk (2007-17) addressing over 30 million population.

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**City, Province, Postal Code:** London On. N5X 1C6

### Experience & Qualifications

If you have experience on a London Board or Commission, please provide dates and details.

**Dec 06, 2018:** Appointed to the Committee of Revision/Court of Revision  
**Term** : December 2018 - November 15, 2022

**Dec 19, 2018:** Appointed to the London Transit Commission  
**Term** : December 2018 - November 15, 2022

**Jan, 2019.** : Member Rapid Transit Implementation Working Group ( RTIWG).  
**Term** : On completion of its mandate RTIWG was dissolved by the Council in Oct 2020.

### Advisory Committees ( City of London).

#### 2022 - to date

- Chair Integrated Transportation Community Advisory Committee (ITCAC).
- Member Environment sub committee of ITCAC
- Member Mobility Master Plan sub committee of ITCAC
- Member Active Transportation sub committee of ITCAC
- Member Road Safety/ Vision Zero sub committee of ITCAC

#### 2018 - to 2022

- Vice Chair Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC).
- Vice Chair Community Safety & Crime Prevention Advisory Committee (CS & CP).

#### 2016 - 2018

Member at large Trees & Forest Advisory Committee (TFAC)  
Member at large Transportation Advisory Committee. (TAC)

#### 2012 - 2015

- Member at large Advisory Committee on the Environment (ACE).
- Representative of ACE on Transportation Advisory Committee(TAC).

### **What do you hope to contribute or learn as part of a Board or Commission?**

Community-library concept has existed for a very long time. Public libraries are in fact community living rooms where everyone is welcome and there's no pressure to buy anything. These are the community-common rooms, democratic equalizer, open to all and are the gateways to information & knowledge.

The role of libraries in our lives has somewhat shrunk due to availability of other digital resources of information & knowledge, but abundance of digital resources specially social media platforms have also created some problems as well.

We observe that in our daily lives the trend of 'raw googling' and then sharing or quoting web-search on popular social media platforms is common practice. The problem with the 'googling' trend is, it renders results which are, most of the time, not authenticated or substantiated by published studies.

If Public libraries, which house centuries of learning, information, history, and truth, are properly digitized, they may act as the crucial defenders in the fight against misinformation. By providing free access to educational, news, and historical resources, libraries may definitely help to keep the public informed with facts, rather than confused with fiction.

Benchmarking & continuous improvement in public service has been my speciality. Having good knowledge of cyber world specially in terms of Cybersecurity, Technology , Application and Policy I can definitely contribute towards medium to long term planning for the digitization of Public libraries.

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### **How will you support the work of a Board or Commission?**

Modern libraries have morphed into full-service community centres that aim to meet a wide variety of civic and social needs. These are the social hubs which offer information services to its heterogeneous population on a 24x7 as and when required basis by using technology & internet backbone.

In London's perspective, generally speaking, Public libraries are under great pressure. Not only operating in a rapidly changing digital environment, but also facing major competition for limited resources within the organization as well. The COVID-19 pandemic has once again highlighted the possibilities to be explored where libraries may adapt the way they work and interact with their users in person and remotely.

I believe in collective wisdom and intelligence. Using my background in municipal governance and exposure to the municipal affairs, I will take fellow board members on board to draft plans which may transform London Public libraries into full service community hubs providing information & knowledge services 24x7.

My public sector experience has taught me how to represent an organization responsibly and responsibly on a forum of another organization and act efficiently within mandate, roles & responsibilities entrusted. I thoroughly understand how to safeguard the interests of organizations at other organization's forums and communicate back & forth for resolution of any problem in a time efficient manner without compromising on programs, procedures & policies of my organization i will represent.

**3) Please describe additional experience, training, or community involvement that will help you in your role as a Board or Commission Member.**

London has been my home for over a decade. During this time, I have always tried to contribute my diverse experience, exposure, community engagement skills and multilingual capabilities towards the betterment of this city & society by being an active member of the community.

Benchmarking & continuous improvement in public service has been my speciality. My formal educational background is in the field of mathematics/computer science and my experience has been managing public sector large organizations.

By utilizing my research and analytical skills coupled with management-operations & negotiation expertise I find unique solutions to difficult problems/challenges.

Over 33 years of diverse experience serving in Public, Non-profit & Private sectors.

**Public Sector:**

- Provincial Local Government & Community development Department.
  - Periodical inspection of municipalities (over 330 municipalities in province).
  - Assisting Secretary Local government( Deputy minister) for the preparation bills for provincial legislative assembly.
  - Supervision of computerization/automation process in municipalities throughout the province.
  
- **City Management**
  - Routine functions & duties Deputy Chief / acting Chief Officer ( City Manager) City of Lahore.
  - Protocol affairs related to heads of the states during their official visits.
  - Head of the City's Council branch, conduct municipal assembly business.

**Boards & Commissions, Advisory Committees:**

See Question 1 above.

**Non-Profit Sector:**

- Member at Large Western Fair Association.
- Member at Programming Council ( effective from Nov10, 2022)
  
- **Chair Cancer Registries Canada.**
  - Showcase of cancer research academic projects CareTrack.
  - ABCD Project ( Analyzing Breast Cancer Data) at London Health Science Centre.
  - Patient Education Apps ( 22 non-commercial-Apps, free for patients to download/use).

**Private Sector:**

- President Canris Technologies Canada ( 2014-to date)
- Vice President UTNT (2008-2014)
- Lecturer Mathematics & Software ( Operating systems).

**Community Involvement:**

- Director North London Optimist Club.
- **Curator PlayCanada.** Parents Leading Active Youth Canada: Promoting healthy physical activities specially among kids & youth through organized sports ( Indoor / Outdoor). **PlayCanada** a practical, effective & sustainable augmentation of gov'ts programs/initiatives, hence transforming London into a larger family circle through parents' interaction.
- Active member of various multi-culture community associations and groups.

**Thank you for the Consideration.**