

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):

Former City Councillor - 2021-2022

London Public Library

2014 - Nov 2021

Became involved with SOLS in my first year and it began my love for library advocacy. I found my way to the OLBA through SOLS and used all my media and political connections to first bring library issues to the forefront of London and surrounding areas. Board Chair from 2018-2020.

Striking Committee - London City Council - Committee Member - 2010

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

I'm interested in continuing to do committee work for the City of London to stay involved in serving London. I do believe that since I have first hand experience with both staff and council, I will be able to be a very seamless fit to help with this work. I have been involved with these issues as a councillor and was able to navigate the different areas of the city to help come to a favourable solution for both the constituent and the city. I'm also hoping to learn in more detail, about how zoning works in London and how we meet our policies while still helping those living in London meet their needs.

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

I will first try to sit down with staff if I need further clarification about all the technical issues I would have to learn concerning this board. I will also listen carefully to what the other members of my committee voice to help come to consensus on an issue. I like to look for ways to help make everyone feel heard and helped on all sides.

The City of London has a commitment to Diversity and Inclusion where we foster an inclusive and supportive workplace respecting the diversity, dignity and perspectives of all. What does it mean to you to have a commitment to diversity and inclusion? Give us an example of how you have and would demonstrate that commitment further in this role. (max. 3000 characters):

I've been a very active member of the Muslim community in London, Ontario, but further to that, my biggest commitment is to women's issues. I belong to a demographic that is generally marginalized, not just in Canada, but all over the world. It's been very important to me that more Muslim voices are heard but specifically Muslim women's voices, so not only do I personally speak up, but I try to mentor others to speak up as well. I know that in a city with a great deal of diversity, we struggle with diverse representation around the board table, but we should keep trying new things until we strike the right chord - hopefully, I will be of help.

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

EDUCATION/CERTIFICATES/TRAINING

Western University, London, ON - Master of Library and Information Sciences, 1999

Western University, London, ON - Honours BA., Language and Literature, 2004

Western University, London ON - BA., English, 1997

South Secondary School, London, ON - High School Diploma, 1993

Social Media Training Certificate - Michael Slaby - Chief Technology Officer of Obama for America in 2008 campaign - Certificate - 2013

San'yas: Indigenous Cultural Safety Training - Certificate - December 2020

Anti-Black Racism Training - OLA - Training - January 2021

Orton-Gillingham Certified Tutor - Ongoing

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Middlesex London Health Unit - 2021-2022

Child and Youth Development Clinic - Board Member - 2019-Present

Regional HIV/AIDS Committee - Board Member - 2016-2021

Friday Roundtable - Political Pundit/Advocate - 2016-Present

London Scottish Rite Learning Centre - Orton-Gillingham Tutor - 2019-2022

Nazem Kadri Foundation - Communications Director - 2017-2022

Southern Ontario Library Service - Trustee Council Member - 2014-2017

London Celebrates Canada - Board Member - 2011 - 2017

Striking Committee - London City Council - Committee Member - 2010

Association of London Muslims - Advisory Board Member - 2005 - 2009

London Muslim Mosque - Board Member - 2005-2009, 2012

Postsecondary Education Advisory Board MTCU - Government of Ontario - 2005-2007

Multicultural Community of London - Board Member - 2005 - 2009

Run for the Cure - Team Captain - 2006

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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