

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 Police Services Board**

Contact Information

Name: **Shiv Chokhani**

City: **London**

Province: **ON**

Postal Code: **N5X2L8**

Experience and Qualifications

1. Serving on the Police Services Board requires monthly, full-day meeting attendance; each meeting requires 4-6 hours of reading in advance. Can you describe your ability to participate and contribute this minimum amount of time monthly?:

I Shiv Chokhani, confirm that I will be available to attend a full-day meeting attendance which will require 4-6 hours of reading in advance.

I am resident of London, citizen of Canada, have my own small successful business right here in London, ON for more than 12 years Working there almost every day, having my skin in the game, investing my own hard earned money in my business, right here in city of London.

2. What skills, education, community involvement and/or experience (including lived experience) do you have that will assist you in a role on this specific board?:

My Skills include:

- **Detail-work expertise**
- **Excellent communication.**
- **Excellent Judgment**
- **Accuracy**
- **Self-directed**
- **Complex problem solving**
- **Speak Multiple Language English/Hindi/Marathi/Gujrati/Marwadi.**
- **Possesses overall aesthetic sensibility.**

Education:

Don Bosco High School, Mumbai – Basic Education.

H.R. College of Commerce & Economics, Mumbai – Education in Economics and Basic Accountancy.

Gemmological Institute of America (G.I.A.), Santa Monica, USA – Graduate Jeweller Gemologist (GJG) & Alumni member of G.I.A.

Gemmological Association & Gem testing Laboratory of Great Britain, (G.A.G.T.L.) London, UK. – Graduate Gemologist (F.G.A) & fellow of G.A.G.T.L.

Gemmological Institute of India, (G.I.I) Mumbai – Graduate Gemologist.

• **Involved in many local charities such as Special Olympics Canada, Big Brothers Big Sisters, London Food bank, London health science Centre, Hutton house.....**

My ability of attention to details, accuracy, great communication, excellent judgement can help the board to carry on their routine work smoothly and efficiently.

3. If you have experience on a Board, Commission or Committee (in London or elsewhere), please provide the details. If you have not previously served on a Board, Commission or Committee, please describe why this appointment is of interest to you.:

I have been resident of London Ontario for more then 10+ years now and being a successful business owner and part of the community. I would like to serve the board and put my skills to work to make city of london better place for everyone.

By giving me the opportunity to work on this board, I would be able to guide policing in London, assist them in approving the hiring of employees, guides the creation of business plans and monitors their progress, determines the objectives and priorities of our police service.

4. We value the contributions of Londoners with diverse experiences and welcome applications from individuals who share our commitment to reconciliation, equity and inclusion. Please describe how your work, community or lived experience will enhance these efforts through Board and Committee work. (max. 3000 characters):

I am resident of London, citizen of Canada, have my own small successful business right here in London, ON for more than 12 years Working there almost every day, having my skin in the game, investing my own hard earned money in my business, right here in city of London.

My Skills include:

- **Detail-work expertise**
- **Excellent communication.**
- **Excellent Judgment**
- **Accuracy**
- **Self-directed**
- **Complex problem solving**
- **Speak Multiple Language English/Hindi/Marathi/Gujrati/Marwadi.**
- **Possesses overall aesthetic sensibility.**

Involved in many local charities such as Special Olympics Canada, Big Brothers Big Sisters, London Food bank, London health science Centre, Hutton house.....

Attach resume or other document here (optional): **Shiv Chokhani Gemologist.pdf**

Attach more files here, if needed:

Confirmations

I declare the following: **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): **Other**

If you selected 'Other', please specify: **Online News**

Submitted on: **3/19/2023 1:03:24 PM**

SHIV CHOKHANI

DG(GII);GJG(GIA);FGA(GAGTL)

London, Ontario – N5X2L8.

Professional Summary: Accomplished and proven Gemologist with solid 25 years + experience working with Fine Jewelry, Gemstones and Minerals. Accurate, attentive to detail, strong analytical ability with a successful career in gemology, Jewelry Designing and production. Winner of Canadian National “Award of Excellence” for Design and Innovation. Successfully put Karat Fine Jewellery and London Ontario on the Cover of Canadian Jeweller, a prestigious Canadian National Magazine.

<https://canadianjeweller.com/karat-fine-jewellery-creating-pieces-of-passion-to-treasure-for-a-lifetime/>

Skills:

- Detail-work expertise
- Design Experience
- Excellent communication.
- Excellent Judgment
- Accuracy
- Self-directed
- Complex problem solving
- Speak Multiple Language English/Hindi/Marathi/Gujrati/Marwadi.
- Possesses overall aesthetic sensibility.

Experience:

Manager – Karat Fine Jewellery: Successfully and professionally managed Karat Fine Jewellery, several award winning Canadian fine jewellery businesses.

- Provided excellent service to customers.
- Performed all appraisal work including estate, insurance and resale values.
- Did all the buying for the entire store, selected gems according to quality guidelines.
- Stocked merchandise and set up promotional displays
- Resolved customer concerns and questions promptly.
- Able to verify the identification, authenticity, quality, size, and treatments (if any) of all gemstone and jewelry items within the limitations of our available testing equipment and provide counsel to other internal departments including, but not limited to, Legal and Compliance, Quality Control, in conjunction with the department manager regarding these items.
- Support the development & curation of Gem material and gemstone collection by recommending pieces for acquisition, researching fair pricing, and negotiating final purchase prices.
- Ensuring acquisition and display protocol followed.
- Recommending the design or redesign of current or future internal displays.

- Writing gemstone articles or other content to support the Jewelry & gemstone business in local newspaper and social media.
- Updating and creation of new Learning Library content to support sales growth
- Continuing gemstone education by reading industry-related journals and attending conferences and sharing findings with our team
- Attended JIS, AGTA, GJX, JCK, Couture, Tucson Gem and Mineral Show, Hong Kong show, annually as business allows for professional development as well as for growth of the business.
- Development of gemological content and providing teaching support for internal gemstone and jewelry-related training courses.
- Developing and delivering gemstone and jewelry-related classes to customers and the public when required.

Education:

Don Bosco High School, Mumbai – Basic Education.

H.R. College of Commerce & Economics, Mumbai – Education in Economics and Basic Accountancy.

Gemmological Institute of America (G.I.A.), Santa Monica, USA – Graduate Jeweller Gemologist (GJG) & Alumni member of G.I.A.

Gemmological Association & Gem testing Laboratory of Great Britain, (G.A.G.T.L.) London, UK. – Graduate Gemmologist (F.G.A) & fellow of G.A.G.T.L.

Gemmological Institute of India, (G.I.I) Mumbai – Graduate Gemmologist.

- A true passion for gems and minerals.
- Own my own personal GIA Portable Laboratory and GAGTL Gem Identification Mini Laboratory.
- Appeared on local media such as TV a number of times, discussing, promoting various topics and issues. Maintaining a professional, courteous image.
- Working knowledge of Microsoft Office; an ability to learn additional computer software programs as necessary
- Ability to research, read, analyzes, and edits technical writing as it relates to gemstones, gem materials and minerals.
- Ability to effectively present technical information concisely and creatively to a broad audience.
- Ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines.
- Willingness to support educational initiatives with on-air presence, guest segments, or recorded video and/or audio tutorials if needed
- Involved in many local charities such as Special Olympics Canada, Big Brothers Big Sisters, London Food bank, London health science centre, Hutton house.....

REFERANCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST