

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: **JOHN LISOWSKI**

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Province: **ON**

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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?:

As a lawyer I am used to working long hours and would have to problem preparing for and attending day-long meetings. I am winding down my legal practice and gradually reducing my working hours with a view to retiring in 5 years or less.

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?:

Education

**University of Western Ontario, Honours Bachelor of Arts, Gold Medallist
University of Western Ontario, Bachelor of Laws; Editor, Western Ontario Law Review (1974)**

**President, U.W.O. Legal Society (1974)
Osgoode Hall, called to the Bar in 1976.**

Community Involvement

1985 – 1991 Member of London Police Services Board, London, Ontario; Chairman in 1990 and 1991. Granted Life Membership in the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police in December, 1991; Made Honorary Member of London Police Association in 1996

1987 – 2012 Member and Past President of London Polonia Towers Inc., a non-profit housing corporation in London, Ontario

1997 – 2006 Member of City of London Committee of Adjustment

1997 – 2005 Part-time Member of the National Parole Board

My research into London Police Service history was utilized in the publication of the Service's 150th anniversary history book - On The Beat. Over the past 30 years I have contributed 55 articles relating to London Police history for publication in the London Police Association quarterly newsletter, The Observer.

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.:

As already indicated above, I served on the London Police Services Board from 1985 to 1991, serving as Chairman the last two years.

Given my past experience on the London Police Board, I will be able to hit the ground running and will not require a great deal of time familiarizing myself with the workings of the London Police Service.

As a lawyer who once practised criminal law and also served for 9 years on the National Parole Board as a part-time member, I have a greater than average knowledge of the criminal element in our society and this experience will enable me to ensure that the London Police Service continues the fine tradition of dedication and service that it has historically provided to the city and continues to implement effective measures to ensure

the safety of Londoners.

Over the past 30 years I have conducted extensive research into the history of the London Police Service in anticipation of writing a definitive history at some future date. I feel that my knowledge of its past history, the manner in which it addressed policing issues as they arose and the plans they have implemented for the future will be of inestimable value in determining the proper course of action to be taken in addressing the future policing requirements of our community.

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):

As a practising lawyer in London for the past 47 years, I have equally represented people of all races, ethnic groups, nationalities, religious beliefs and genders. I practised reconciliation, equity and inclusion long before it became "cool" to do so.

Attach resume or other document here (optional):

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.**

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If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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