

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

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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?:

I am fully versed in (and grew up with) Robert's Rules of Order, have held numerous positions of responsibility in various commercial organizations (Colorado) and at present am working for a Medical Professional Corporation that has flexible hour demands (hence my ability to schedule full day meetings at your convenience). As an attorney/Solicitor/Barrister, I enjoy reading hours at a time (proof: my studying for months for the NCA and LSO exams), whether that be exam-prep, or legal precedent research.

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?:

I am a US (Colorado 1999, and New York 2012) licensed attorney, recently admitted to the Law Society of Ontario (2022). I hold an undergraduate degree, Honors, in Philosophy (cum laude) from Claremont McKenna College (1995) and a Juris Doctorate from the University of Colorado School of Law (1999). I cleared my Canada-wide legal training (NCA Challenge Exams) first sitting, with accreditation in 2019. I cleared my Solicitor and Barrister exams with the LSO, also first sitting in 2022. I have practiced law in Colorado and Singapore (international aviation law), and am well acquainted with Martin's Criminal Code and keep abreast of all legal developments with regard to policing. I believe I am uniquely situated to help the LPS progress towards a more inclusive, responsive, and responsible police force. The developments in the past few years in the States have created an increased demand for accountability and transparency in policing, and I believe a position on the Police Services Board of an attorney/Solicitor/Barrister like myself may likely bring an increase in those in-demand attributes.

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.:

Administrative law positions are intriguing to me, as Board membership entails a high degree of professionalism, and law practice is all about exactly that. We attorneys attempt to examine human behavior in the light of full respect for the Rule of Law, and apply the rules to the facts of a case. While interfacing with Commissions (like the Public Utilities Commission of Colorado, for example), I addressed a range of issues, presented clients' perspectives with black letter law and precedents to support same, and interacted with Commission members on an ongoing basis, working towards mutually satisfactory resolution of issues presented. I thrive in teamwork situations, and hope to provide a legal perspective to issue that otherwise might need more clarity.

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):

Reconciliation, equity and inclusion for diverse communities is a central focus of my being and family. BEING: Born of a Jewish father and Protestant mother, I suffered (from both sides) the religious discrimination inherent in a "mixed marriage". My mother's father (a York Rite Mason from Scarborough, England) would not speak to my father (a Scottish Rite Mason), for decades due to my father's family's religion (my father was not religious). Both parents (medical doctors who met in Sheffield Medical School in England) were shunned by their respective families and religions, and had to create a new "family" from friends, who were in fact, inclusive and accepting of others. FAMILY: My wife is Chinese Malaysian. In Malaysia, Chinese are discriminated against by the Malays, who have "bumiputra" whereby ethnic Malays receive "front of the line" privileges and institutionalized positive discrimination (a Malay with straight "B" grades is accepted to medical school before any Chinese or Indians with "A" grades; this happens to this very day with Government positions as well). Our daughters are half Chinese, half "me" (and I am half Jewish, half Protestant). So as you can see, our family, with me, (mixed race) my daughters, (double mixed race) and my wife (Chinese Malaysian) has an ethic mix that demands we not only value, but LIVE inclusion, and equity. My wife works locum stints (she is an Emerg physician with LHSC) up in Hearst and Kapuskasing, and regularly (in Timmons) gets mistaken for First Nations. She has suffered being pulled out of the line at the airport there regularly (Timmons seemingly has a drug problem and First Nations seem to get "extra" screening all the time), for "extra screening". So we teach our children to accept and appreciate others, and attempt to find fairness. We teach them that reconciliation (First Nations vis a vis Canada) should start with more than just the TRC statement, and that UNDRIP requires free, prior and informed consent (Bill C-15 and Bill C-262).

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.**

To help inform our outreach activities, please tell us how you heard about this opportunity: (optional): **Professional or community organization**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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