

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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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 have the flexibility in my schedule and experience reading briefings to prepare for decisions and discussions for meetings in advance.

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 currently devote my time to support improving our community in various board and committees, this includes my experience in serving with the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Services Board, which is one of Ontarios largest and longest running First Nations Police Services, as a Board member where I have experience in recommending and drafting board policies, analyzing community policing data to support in evidence based decision and lobby and partner with Public Safety Canada, OPP and Ministry of the Solicitor General to advance the needs of community policing.

I also support the Ontario Clean Water Agency as an Advisor where I contribute my expertise in the field of Civil Engineering and Public Policy to advance the goals of OCWA in improving business relationships with Indigenous peoples while supporting solutions for sustainable clean water systems in communities.

I have additional experience as an elected Councillor in my home First Nations community of Wikwemikong, which provided me with skills and perspective to support the Police Service and other community departments and service providers to assist in improving both community and police service goals to ensure a safer community. Professionally, I served as a senior policy advisor on Housing and Infrastructure to the Federal Minister of Indigenous Services where I supported in the Minister in advancing the mandate which also included advising the Prime Ministers office on the First Nations water long-term advisories commitment.

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.:

The detailed experience from my work on my home First Nations community Policing Board (Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service) which included the negotiating of multi-year funding tripartite agreements with the federal and provincial governments for improved policing services to meet the demands of to address drugs, crime and other calls for service. I have worked with elected councils to improve community engagement initiatives and align strategic plans and goals to improve community outcomes in mental health, addictions, crime and safety.

I am passionate Londoner that has contributed and worked in initiatives that supporting our cities and rural communities both provincially and nationally, and would like to

dedicate and share my knowledge and experience locally to improve the safety of such a great city.

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):

In my previous role with the Federal Government in the Minister of Indigenous Services Office and current role with the Ontario Clean Water Agencies - First Nations Advisory Circle, and the Wikwemikong Tribal Police Service, I have contributed my expertise to improve relationships with the Indigenous and Non-Indigenous community.

I'm humbled to have the lived experience of living both in a First nations community and in the beautiful City of London where I am confident I can contribute my local, regional and national expertise in improving relationships and strategies that work toward addressing socio-economic challenges in health, wellness, homelessness, housing, policing and the public policy to assist in driving the change required.

I have always worked toward bridging relationships and expertise that improves the lives of the communities I work in, and I see an even greater opportunity to bring my knowledge and experience to the London Police Services Board to assist the City and its partners in revitalizing the City and ensuring a safe and health community for all.

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): **City Website**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

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