

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: **Pongo Komi**

City: **London**

Province: **ON**

Postal Code: **N6H0J6**

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?:

Although I am currently working full-time, my employer can accommodate time off monthly to attend meetings during business hours. Additionally, I will have no trouble completing the required reading prior to attendance.

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?:

As a Community Liaison with the Police Services Department, I assisted with recruitment of youth interested in pursuing the path of policing. I currently work with the Diversity and Recruitment Departments to bridge gaps and introduce potential candidates to resources and relevant training (such as PREP test etc.). As a result, we have successfully recruited and two London Police Officers who are now active on the Police Force.

I continue to meet with the Diversity department to involve them in community events and encourage further recruitment and development opportunities. As a matter of fact, I was recognized for my contributions bringing awareness to systematic racism. I was interviewed by CBC news. (<https://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/london/london-police-recruitment-process-black-community-1.5624081>)

Additionally, as a London Transit Bus Driver for over 6 years, I have further refined my problem solving, communication and customer service skills.

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 the founding President of the Soccer Club for Senior Citizens of London Association (BMO Centre), I am on the board. I schedule meetings and activities, create policies, and arrange speakers for the club. I am passionate about celebrating unique and individual differences, as well as, encouraging community engagement. I have a strong sense of community and strive to make my community more inclusive.

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):

Having immigrated to Canada more than 30 years ago from Africa, I have learned much about Canadian culture and the importance of diversity. Although Canada is a wonderful country to live, there still is some inequality and racism that I have experienced firsthand. This has inspired to celebrate diversity and act as a champion for the African Black

Communities of London. With patience, education and networking, I strive to work towards making an impact, creating new opportunities for my community and building bridges towards inclusion.

Attach resume or other document here (optional).: **Pongo Komi resume.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: **The London Police Service Diversity Department**

Submitted on: **3/9/2023 3:57:31 PM**

PONGO KOMI

London ON

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- 10 + years' experience operating a motor vehicle with no demerit points
- B licence with clean drivers abstract
- Focused on inclusion and diversity
- Clean criminal record
- Enthusiastic and hardworking with strong community minded focus
- Bilingual: Ability to communicate effectively in English and French

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Safely operated bus to pick up and drop off youth and adults
- Planned travel schedules to ensure timely arrival
- Maintained a safe and clean interior and checked on vehicle condition
- Recorded information on deliveries
- Operated radio communication equipment
- Acted professionally on job sites and provided excellent customer service
- Received multiple awards for customer service and driving excellence

WORK HISTORY

School Bus Driver , London Transit Commission, London, ON	2015 - 2016
School Bus Driver , Elgin Bus Lines, London, ON	2015 - 2016
Truck Driver , Doug Coleman Trucking, London, ON	2014 - 2015
School Bus Driver , Langs Bus Lines, London, ON	2011 - 2014
School Bus Driver , Murphy Bus Lines, London, ON	2006 - 2008
Customer Service Agent , Stream International, London, ON	2002 - 2011

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

High School Diploma, Congo, Africa

Valid Ontario BZ Driver's License Air Brake Training

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Volunteer Community Liaison, London Police Diversity and Recruiting Divisions, London, ON

President and Board Member, Soccer Club for Senior Citizens, London, ON