

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: **Kiowna Tremblay**

City: **St. Thomas**

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 have recently given notice to my job in order to stay home with my twins who are 14 months old. Now that I will be home full time while my husband works, I will have ample time to complete the advance reading, as well as have already secured childcare with family for during the monthly full day meetings. I would be available to participate and contribute more if needed as well. My goal is to give myself purpose outside of the household while I am home with my boys until they start school.

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 have an education in social services and criminology, as well as many continuing education units that provide me with beneficial skills. I originally wanted to be a police officer when first attending school but changed my career choice when I got married. I also have experience working at the London Courthouse and at a non profit called Leads Employment Services where I assisted people on Ontario Works and Ontario Disability Support Program build life skills and find work. Many of my clients have criminal records, and part of my job is to help them navigate the court system and then apply for record suspensions when available. I have administration and clerical skills as my job requires extensive note taking and documentation. I have volunteer experience with Big Brothers Big Sisters, shelters and senior homes. I also have extensive lived experience that involves policing. I grew up in Woodstock Ontario, living in a women's shelter and then geared to income housing. Living there and seeing illegal behavior's, drugs, assaults, as well as heavy police presence, I have an deep understanding of systemic issues that exist and want to be part of the solution. I believe in accountability and want to provide my perspective to help guide the direction of policing in London. I strongly believe policing should be funded more in order to provide equipment and training in needed areas.

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 not previously served on a board, commission or committee. I have always been interested in policing and now that I have my twins boys, daycare is hard to come by, so we found it best that I stay home until the twins are school age. Since I won't be working anymore, I wanted to find a way to stay in my field of interest and give myself purpose outside of the home, as well as help make impactful decisions and changes.

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 live in St. Thomas, but have worked in London ever since graduating university in Ottawa. I hope I can still be considered for the role even though I don't reside in the city anymore. I have ample experience with my work and lived experience in social services and policing specifically. I see with my clients where there are problems in the system, I saw problems growing up, but I also saw officers doing their best with the resources they had. I believe in reconciliation, equality and inclusion, and I feel that my experiences can help make impactful changes where needed.

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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