

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: **Becky Williamson**

City: **London**

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 retired from Western University (after 40 years of continuous work) that now gives me the time needed to focus on the tasks such as those required by the London Police Services Board. I am organized, and action oriented, with a strong ability to communicate efficiently.

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 a B.A. from the University of Western Ontario, with a focus on Criminology and Psychology. The courses required me to: ask relevant questions, hone my critical thinking and communication skills.

While at Western University, as part of my tasks, I had the opportunity to be a part of the hiring process for the student Operations position; this involved reviewing applications, and interviewing students. My input/opinion as to a good candidate was highly considered when the student was hired.

Documentation was key in the Operations area. I meticulously created new documents, and updated existing ones as required, these were essential for the smooth operation of this area.

When new applications / programs were introduced to the Operations area there was online training which required: reading and understanding the concepts that were being presented, and focus.

I am involved in an outreach group (two times per week) that clothes and feeds the homeless . I also volunteer in different groups involving food sustainability, financial transparency and accountability.

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.:

This appointment, to serve on the London Police Services Board, is of interest to me as policing and the law have always been something that I wanted to be involved in. As a teen, becoming a police officer was the profession I wanted to pursue, however, life threw me in a different direction. At the age of 43 (while raising 3 children) the opportunity arose for me to attend Western University and get a degree (B.A.), the area of focus I chose was: Criminology and Psychology as I had never lost my interest in policing and law. The possible goal I had envisioned was to possibly work with youth in trouble with the law, but getting my B.A. took a little longer than I had anticipated (took 12 years and a lot of perseverance to complete). The one thing this tells about me is that once I commit to something I keep at it until it is complete, of course this does not mean any new tasks will take me 12 years to achieve. I feel that an appointment to the London

Police Services Board is the perfect opportunity for me to be involved in my community, especially in an area that has always been of interest to me.

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):

One of the areas of focus in the City of London 2023-2027 Strategic Plan is Reconciliation, Equity, and Inclusion; this area is there to show London as a leader in becoming an equitable and inclusive community, and to identify and remove barriers faced by groups participating in civic engagement opportunities. I believe in equality and inclusion, every person/group belongs in our society. The need to reconcile with individuals/groups, that have been wronged, is important to help encourage participation in the community, and to make them feel that they do belong. In an inclusive society, every person deserves to feel safe to live, work, and be involved in their community. An inclusive society means every person/group feels like they belong, and are treated equally.

Volunteering with the Outreach group to help the homeless, a group that often feels excluded from society, has helped me realize (more than before) the inequality that this group has had to deal with. They don't feel safe in their situation, and they face barriers when they try to find a place to call home, and employment as most do not have a permanent address, or, in some cases, the education to find work. This is a group of people that should not be ignored, just like any other group in our community, and I am hopeful that if I were to become a member of the London Police Services Board I could find more ways to help this group of people (and other groups of persons) that feel like they are not being included, or treated equally.

Attach resume or other document here (optional): **BeckyWilliamson_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): **Word of mouth**

If you selected 'Other', please specify:

Submitted on: **3/20/2023 1:05:30 AM**

Becky Williamson

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POSITION DESIRED: London Police Services Board Member

SUMMARY

I was educated at Western University, earning a B.A. with Criminology and Psychology as my areas of focus. Being retired, after having worked in the IT department at Western continuously for 40 years, I now have the time needed to focus on the tasks such as those required by the London Police Services Board. I am organized, personable, and action oriented, with a strong ability to communicate efficiently.

EXPERIENCE

University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario — IT Operations

April 1981 - September 2021

- In 1981, started at Western in the keypunch department.
- In 1982, promoted to the Operations area where I remained until I retired, September 2021.

SKILLS / DUTIES PERFORMED

Administrative Skills:

- Monitoring approximately 500+ servers / UPS / Air Conditioners at several locations on campus where ITS network connections are located
- Running batch jobs for the following departments: Registrars / Human Resources / Finance
- Writing new procedures for Operations, plus follow-up review

Computer Skills:

- Word and Excel
- PeopleSoft for running batch jobs
- Using HTML, WIKI, and KIWI for documentation

Documentation:

- Creating and Updating documentation for the Operations area
- Effectively communicating with clients on campus as well as outside vendor support to resolve technical issues and troubleshooting areas during batch production.
- Computer Accounts Office: Creating user accounts / assisting users with password issues / running month-end reports

Managing Student Staff:

- Hiring / training student staff in the Operations area
- Training new non-student staff hired for the Operations area
- Documenting new employee training instructions

EDUCATION

The University of Western Ontario, London, Ontario — Bachelor of Arts

September 2003 - April 2015

Areas of focus: Criminology and Psychology

The University of Western Ontario — Diploma in Writing

September 2014 - April 2018

Areas of focus: Screenwriting / fiction / non-fiction

The University of Western Ontario - Continuing Studies — Certificate in Writing

September 2012 - April 2018

Areas of focus: Copywriting / screenwriting / fiction / non-fiction

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Charity Outreach: **City Outreach**

Work twice a week with other volunteers to distribute clothing and food needs directly to the homeless.

Community Volunteer:

Member of numerous community groups involving food sustainability, financial transparency and accountability, and good city governance.