

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 am self-employed and as such make my own schedule. I will not have any problem carving out 14 hours per month or more (readings and full day meeting) to make a meaningful contribution to the Police Services Board.

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 clinical psychologist I have experience working with staff members and service users of the London Police Service. I have seen first-hand the impacts of inadequate education and training on the efficacy of police services. I am also privy to the challenges of navigating the justice system experienced by victims of violent crimes and other traumatic events as well as those charged with criminal offences. Part of my motivation to apply to be on the Board of the London Police Service is to oversee and support this organization and the important work that I bear witness to them doing in our community.

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.:

While I have not been on a London Board or Commission before, my work in the community includes being a mental health lead with the London Homeless Outreach Network (March 2010 – June 2011), being on the United Way of London Middlesex Allocations Committee (Nov 2011 - January 2012) and the Vice Chair of the United Way of London Middlesex Mental Health Impact Council (February 2012 – 2015). I am interested in being on the London Police Service Board because I value making a contribution to my community and believe that I would make a positive contribution to overseeing as well as supporting the important work that the London Police Service carries out. At some point in their lives most Londoners will interact with the London Police Service so when I think about how best to spend my volunteer time, it is with organizations that have a large scope of service provision and impact on our community. This is also why I volunteered with the United Way.

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 will aim to provide equity, diversion, inclusion, trauma and health promotion informed perspectives on the objectives of the London Police Service (LPS). I will use my

knowledge and experience as a clinical psychologist, resilience researcher, first generation Canadian, Jewish member of the LGBTQ2S+ community to monitor performance, establish priorities and identify areas where more support, education and training are required in order to ensure that the needs of our community are being met by the LPS. I will also constantly examine and interrogate my own biases, beliefs or assumptions such that they do not negatively impact the work of the LPS Board. Policing carries a great deal of socio-political power as well as at times, and in certain contexts a sense of moral authority. As such, it requires oversight by community-based stakeholders in order to prevent any misuse of that power. I hope to contribute an informed perspective on current policies for Police services in London, as well as aid in identifying priorities and objectives to meet the needs of our community. Furthermore, I endeavor to ensure that Police services at every level are delivered in a manner that is consistent with the values and expectations of Londoners. I expect that should I be successful in joining the board I will learn more about the systemic issues that underlie inadequate and ineffective Policing.

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: **and contact from the City Clerk's office**

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