

Schedule "A"



MUNICIPALITY OF
West Elgin

Council Vacancy Application Form

Please complete this application form and submit in person (no fax or email) with identification **no later than Thursday, October 24, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.**

Terri Towstiuic, Clerk
Municipality of West Elgin
22413 Hoskins Line
Rodney ON N0L 2C0

Council Vacancy Application Form	
Name:	Catherine Gow-Chamberlain
Qualifying Address:	22168 Douglas Line West Elgin, Ontario N0L 2C0
Email Address:	cchamberlain7@outlook.com
Telephone Number:	519-466-1221

Eligibility Requirements	Yes	No
Canadian Citizen	✓	
Minimum of 18 years of Age	✓	
Eligible elector in the Municipality of West Elgin (owner, tenant, spouse of such owner or tenant)	✓	
Not prohibited from voting (as per <i>Municipal Elections Act</i>) or otherwise by law	✓	

By signing this form, you consent to having your name publicly released.

Date	Signature
October 24, 2024	[Redacted Signature]

Personal Information collected on this form is pursuant to the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended and is collected in accordance with the *Municipal Freedom of Information Act and Protection of Privacy Act* and will be used by the Clerk for the purpose of assessing whether a nominee is eligible for appointment to municipal office. This form will be attached to a Council Agenda and published to the Municipal website.

Schedule "B".



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Declaration of Qualifications

I, Catherine Gow-Chamberlain, an applicant mentioned in this application form, declare that I am presently, legally qualified, or would be presently legally qualified if I were not a member of Legislative Assembly of Ontario or the Senate or House of Commons of Canada, to be appointed and to hold the office to which I have applied for appointment and I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath.

DECLARED before me at the Municipality of West Elgin, in the County of Elgin this

24th day of October, 2024.

[Redacted Signature]

Signature of Applicant

[Redacted Signature]

Signature of Commissioner of Oaths and Affidavits

TERRI TOWSTIUC, Clerk
Commissioner for the Municipality of West Elgin
Province of Ontario

Stamp

Certificate

I, the undersigned Clerk of the Municipality of West Elgin, do hereby certify that I have examined the application form of the aforesaid applicant filed with me and am satisfied that the nominee is qualified for appointment to municipal office.

Signature of Clerk or designate

Date Certified

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CATHERINE GOW-CHAMBERLAIN

22168 Douglas Line, West Elgin, Ontario, N0L 2C0 Telephone: 1-519-466-1221

BACKGROUND

My name is Catherine Gow-Chamberlain, and I am a recent retiree. I was raised in the Wallacetown area, and I attended senior elementary school and high school in West Lorne. My family purchased a cottage in Port Glasgow in 1967 and I was fortunate enough to purchase the cottage from my mother's estate in 2016. My family and I have many happy memories of our summers in Port Glasgow – swimming, boating, water-skiing, fishing etc. My husband and I have been able to renovate the cottage into our permanent retirement home and hope to provide similar memories for our grandchildren.

OBJECTIVES

- I would like to assist the current council in making decisions in the best interest of the entire municipality to increase the prosperity and economic growth of West Elgin.
- As a property owner and resident of West Elgin Ward 3 I am keenly invested in the continued population growth and development of the area, while continuing to provide great services to our residents.

QUALIFICATIONS

My 37-year career was spent in the Information Technology area – starting as a computer programmer and working up to a global position. I have included my last two positions below.

Global Production & Engineering, IT

ARLANXEO Inc./Corp
Sarnia, Ontario

Jan 2017 – Dec 2022
(retired)

Responsible for: 20 ARLANXEO production plants globally - production and engineering Software. Globally responsible for IT transition of 2500+ applications in all sites and offices carving out from LANXESS (Project 2017 – Oct 2020).

Chief Information Officer North America

LANXESS Inc./LANXESS Corp.
Sarnia, Ontario; Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

Sept 2008 – Dec 2016

Responsible for: LANXESS IT Department Chief Information Officer - USA, Canada, Mexico – staffing, budgets, Enterprise Resource Planning, Production & Operations, Administrative and Infrastructure Departments.

Although my career has been in computers, the technical part of my positions has always been the smaller part with the soft skills or people skills being the larger and more prevalent part. My experiences in both the public and private sectors have provided me with some skills I believe will be transferrable to this Council position.

- **People Skills** – management, supervisory, human resources, payroll, team skills – both managing and participating
- **Negotiation** – most projects or provided services require negotiation to get the required result, benefitting the most people for the best cost
- **Complaint Management** – when complaints occur (and they do) – good listening and communication skills are required (usually in that order)
- **Problem Solving** – almost all projects are the result of a problem - some solutions are straightforward – but many require creative solutions, salesmanship and cooperation
- **Project Management** – effective project management requires good communication skills, good teamwork, and attention to detail
- **Financial** – budgets, project spending, accounting

If you have any questions or require more details, please do not hesitate to contact me at 519-466-1221 or cchamberlain7@outlook.com. Thank you for your consideration.

Catherine Gow-Chamberlain