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Municipal and School Board Election Biography

The Municipality is sharing the following biography exactly as submitted by each Candidate. We have not edited or revised grammar, spelling, punctuation, or verified any content.

Candidate Name: Carol Bell

Office Seeking: Councillor

BIO Carol Bell

I am a retired, senior citizen; available 24/7; Thirty-year Leamington resident; widow of four-years; and a recently published author in the auto-biography genre of True Stories from Ten Years as a Private Investigator; A proud member of Reid Funeral Home Women's 9-hole golf league at Erie Shores Golf Course. I've skydived from the height of 3,000 feet for a life altering experience, which made the CN Tower Edge-Walk for my chosen Birthday present, easy peasy.

Take heart fellow candidates, if you are not elected, you may very well be given the same opportunity as I was in my past attempts, and that is the honour of serving on one of the many Municipal sub committees, such as the Economic Development Committee.

Other Community Services: Chair of Municipal Accessibility Committee for 2-year term and received a recognition award from the Honourable David C. ONLEY, 28th Lieutenant-Governor of Ontario (2007-2014) who served as Special Advisor on Accessibility, for the development of a program that displays a wheelchair logo at least one checkout station, which has been adopted by major Ontario grocery stores.

Volunteer Services: Currently serving with meal preparations at the Leamington Hope Center where they highlighted an intergenerational volunteer opportunity on their website of my grandson helping when he visited Leamington during reading-week from Western University.

I previously served a six-year term with the MWCP-Migrant Worker Community Program prior to Covid-19 and gained experience in completing grant applications successfully.

Business experience: I was a former independent Mortgage Agent with Mortgage Intelligence, and my office was located in the Princess Centre;

In addition, I held the position of S/W Ontario Regional Director of BNI-Business Network International. I managed seven chapters from Chatham-Kent, Leamington, LaSalle, Tecumseh and three in Windsor. I also attended BNI's International World Conference in California.

Prior to moving to Leamington, I worked for the CNIB head Office in Toronto for five years during which time I earned a Braille 2 Reading certificate. In the early nineties, CNIB hosted the World Blind Union Conference at the Prince Hotel in Toronto, where I coordinated the time schedule of all staff volunteer positions for this four-day event.

Other areas of interest; I am a Life member of ITC-International Training in Communication where we trained in parliamentary procedures, debate techniques, honed our listening skills and participated in club speech contests. I won a Regional Speech Contest on the topic of FGM using visual aids with a call for action direction. I enjoy connecting people and promoting available services i.e. BIA's grant applications for CCTV camera installations; another example of connecting opportunities resulted in receiving a personal invitation that was extended to Family & Friends for the Open

House of "Frydays" Fish and Chip Restaurant in Leamington, as I was instrumental in their decision to open their third location in Leamington after contacting them about the closing of Joey's Seafood restaurant.

I look forward to fulfilling my passion of making Leamington a GREAT place to live!