

Manmander Matharu

To Mayor McNamara, Deputy Mayor Bachetti, Councillors Altenhof, Toniai, Houston and Jobin. This is my personal statement of qualification for the vacant council seat.

My name is Manmander Matharu, but most call me Mander. I moved to Windsor Essex in 2004 and have been a resident of Tecumseh since 2006. Having lived in many cities around the world, being a resident of Tecumseh has been one of the best decisions my husband and I made.

I am a registered Nuclear Medicine Technologist which is what brought me to this area. I was hired to work at Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital, and just recently left Windsor Regional Hospital to purchase my own diagnostic imaging clinic in Belle River. The step from being an employee to being an entrepreneur has been both rewarding and challenging. And it is a challenge I have embraced fully.

Not only am I a small business owner, I am also very active in our community. I am a Rotarian, with my club being the Rotary Club of Windsor Roseland (home club of the first female president of Rotary International!). I held the position of Membership Chair, and most recently as Youth Chair. I spearheaded a project known as Kids of Action, inviting children to participate in projects around the community, to learn the principles taught through Rotary, and to understand what Service Above Self means. Currently I am part of a committee that is looking at Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion within Rotary.

One major leadership undertaking I have been involved with was to be one of several captains for the June 27th Miracle in 2020. I was part of the team who coordinated the volunteers, coordinated access to resources and supplies, coordinated the collection, and then the ultimate distribution of all that food that was collected. All during a pandemic! Quite an achievement, and one of my most proud accomplishments.

I was fortunate to have the opportunity to attend Leadership Windsor and was the graduating class of 2016. The experience and knowledge received through that amazing program will stay with me for a very long time. The connections I made and the history I learned has made me understand and appreciate Windsor Essex. I would bring this knowledge with me to this position of Councillor, understanding the issues within our community.

During my time at Hotel Dieu Grace Hospital/Windsor Regional Hospital, I was the VP in the Union's local. As VP I was required to address many issues between the employer and the employee, all while understanding and enforcing the

Collective Agreement. I managed to hone my skills as a mediator, understanding how to listen to people's problems/queries, and getting the answers they needed.

My time at Windsor Regional Hospital afforded me several other opportunities to be involved in the community. I was a member of the Strategic Planning committee of the hospital, and Chair of the United Way campaign.

I was a member of the City of Windsor Diversity Committee from March 2015 to November 2018. I also sat for a brief period with the Town of Tecumseh Cultural and Arts Advisory Committee. These 2 postings gave me a better understanding of the inner workings at City Hall, or Town Hall, how important it is for citizens to be involved within their community to make a difference, to become a part of a process for change.

As you can see I have held various positions within our community, all providing me with valuable experience that I can transfer to the role of the vacant council seat. I look forward to this opportunity to serve our community.