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Hello,

Please note the following response to Town of Essex Committee Application has been submitted at Friday August 6th 2021 1:50 PM with reference number 2021-08-06-068.

- **What is your name?**  
Perry Basden
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- **Please confirm that you have access to a computer, Internet connection, and the computer skills required to access and participate in a virtual meeting.**  
Yes
- **Please select which committee you are applying to be a member of:**  
Heritage Committee
- **Please provide a brief summary of your qualifications and why you are interested in serving on a Town of Essex committee?**  
I am a retiree who has had some Municipal experience as a former member of the Aylmer, Ontario, Planning Board (Appointed Position) while I was a resident of Aylmer. I have also served as a Member of the Board of Directors of a local Not-For-Profit Yacht Club for several Term of Office with positions as Social Director and Treasurer.

I am a founding member and current President of Heritage Colchester, a Not-For-Profit Heritage group working toward the restoration of the Colchester Schoolhouse for community use and presentation of Cultural, Historical and Educational programs.

As a founding member, I have been involved directly from the first steps in the formation of Heritage Colchester by working as the primary contact with the Ontario Historical Society to achieve affiliation and registration of Heritage Colchester as a Not-for-Profit Ontario Corporation. I am currently leading the efforts of Heritage Colchester in attaining Charitable status with the Canada Revenue Agency.

As President of Heritage Colchester I have been involved with all aspects of the leadership of the organization as well as the day to day operations of Heritage Colchester since it's formation six months ago. Together with the Board Members and General Membership we are in the process of the development of plans for restoration as well as uses of the schoolhouse once restoration is completed.

Along with the Board Members and General Membership we are developing potential programs and public functions for the schoolhouse as well as outdoor public programs to appeal to everyone including the African-Canadian and First Nation's people who have contributed so much to the rich history of the Colchester area.

I have worked with the Town of Essex Planning Department and other departments towards establishing a relationship with the Town of Essex to move the restoration of the Colchester Schoolhouse forward.

I have developed a keen interest in the local heritage, culture and history of the Colchester and Essex area and see the position with the Heritage Committee as a chance to give back to my community through volunteer service.

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