

LETTER TO THE EDITOR
BY LYLA MIKLOS

RE: Hamilton looking for 270 committee citizens by Andrew Dreschel (Fri, Nov 16, 2018)

The opening paragraph in Andrew Dreschel's latest column "encouraging"(?) citizens to apply for The City of Hamilton's Advisory Committees says: "If you have a hankering to push a pet project or get your feet wet in municipal affairs without actually running for office, this is your chance."

Seriously!?!?!

The cynicism and dismissiveness in his entire piece is down right insulting to anyone who has ever served in this capacity on behalf of their fellow citizens.

I have sat on the City of Hamilton's Status of Women and LGBTQ Advisory Committees. I saw it as an opportunity to serve my community by adding my voice and perspective to the table to enact positive change, provide input to council and to help affect public policy that would have a lasting impact on my fellow Hamiltonians.

If Dreschel actually served on any of these Advisory Committees he would know that like any other volunteer commitment that citizens take on you do it because you are passionate about the issues that you believe matter and are willing to do the work to make your City a better place for everyone.

Hamiltonians if you care about your city and your fellow citizens please consider volunteering to sit on a City of Hamilton Advisory Committee. Applications are due by Fri, Dec 14, 2018 at 4:30pm. Please visit <https://www.hamilton.ca/council-committee/council-committee-meetings/apply-serve-committee-or-board> to find out more.

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