

OPENING STATEMENT OF THOMAS ROBERT PORTER TO THE STANDING
COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT AGENCIES REVIEW- November 24, 2020

Re: University Of Windsor - Application For Appointment To Board Of Governors

Good morning to the Chairperson and to Committee Members. My name is Tom Porter and I thank you for this opportunity to meet with all of you. I have provided my resume for your consideration. I am a lawyer and senior partner in the Mousseau, DeLuca, McPherson, Prince Law Firm in Windsor, Ontario (www.mousseaulaw.com). I was raised in Sault Ste. Marie, Ontario and moved to Windsor in 1971 to attend the University of Windsor. I attained a Bachelor of Arts Degree and chose to stay in Windsor to attend Law School. I attained a Law Degree in 1978 and , after successfully completing an articling period and Bar Admissions course, was called to the Bar Of The Province of Ontario in 1980. You will note in my resume that I have been with the same Law Firm for over 40 years, was an elected City Councillor for 12 years and have been actively involved in community service. I believe that I have a reputation for dedicated effort and common sense. I work well as a team player. I have served as a Director on many Boards and, in many instances, have been elected by other Board members to become the Chairperson of the organization. I have a thorough understanding of Board governance concepts and of the interactive role of management in implementing Board policies.

The education and life experiences that were afforded to me at the University of Windsor have positively influenced the direction of my entire life. My spouse, Marcella Porter, and I have raised our family in Windsor and all four of our children have benefitted from attending the University of Windsor over the years. As a measure of my gratitude and appreciation to the University, my Law Firm has sponsored numerous scholarships and donations and I volunteered to be a Board member and was ultimately elected as Chairperson on the Alumni Association (2002-2012). Our Association worked closely with the University President and the Board of Governors in fund raising, marketing and student/alumni services initiatives. I participated wholeheartedly in programs and events informing of and promoting the University, I have a good understanding of the corporate, financial and academic organization of the University and I am personally familiar with the campus and with recent capital building projects (e.g- Alumni Field; School of Medicine; Engineering Building; St. Denis Hall; Law Building). It would, therefore, be a further privilege and a pleasure for me to serve on the Board of Governors and I believe that my experiences and legal training will assist me in contributing to informed decision making on Board matters for the further betterment of the University Of Windsor. I thank you sincerely for your consideration of my application and would be happy to respond to any questions.

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Education	1980 Called to the Bar, The Law Society of Upper Canada 1978 University of Windsor, LL.B. 1974 University of Windsor, B.A.
Legal Experience	2001 - Present Mousseau DeLuca McPherson Prince LLP Windsor, Ontario Partner 1993 - 2001 Mousseau DeLuca Dinham Porter Pollock Barristers and Solicitors Partner 1982 - 1993 Mousseau DeLuca Law Firm Partner 1980 - 1982 Mousseau DeLuca Law Firm Associate Lawyer
Primary Practice Areas	• Estate Planning, Wills and Administration of Estates • Real Estate and Business Law • Municipal and Land Use Planning • Employment Law • Federal Crown Counsel and Agent to the Director of Public Prosecutions (1984 - 2019)
Other Professional Responsibilities and Involvement	• Director, Officer and Shareholder, Windsor Squash and Fitness Club Inc. • Advisory Committee Member, Windsor Cancer Research Group • Legal Advisor, Windsor Endowment for the Arts • Member, Canadian Bar Association • Member, Essex Law Association

Community Interests

- Board Member, Windsor Port Authority
- Member, Hospital Development Steering Committee (2013)
- Recipient of Charles J. Clark Award (2012)
- Co-Chair, Windsor Hospital Study Committee (2012)
- City Councillor, Windsor, Ontario (1982-1994)
- Past Board Member, Essex County Lung Association
- Past Director and Chairman, Roseland Golf and Curling Club
- Past Director, Glengarry Non-Profit Housing Board
- Past Member, Mayor's Committee on Service for the Unemployed
- Past Board Member and Chairman, Essex Region Conservation Authority
- Past Chairman and Board Member, Windsor-Essex County Development Commission
- Past Member, Board of Trustees, Cleary International Centre
- Past Chairman, Windsor Riverfront Lands Advisory Committee
- Past Board Member, Federation of Canadian Municipalities
- Past Member, Windsor Court Building Planning Committee
- Past Board Member, Windsor Tunnel Commission
- Past Member, Windsor Rotary Club
- Past Chair and Board Member, Community Care Access Committee
- Past Member, Canada South Leave A Legacy Round Table
- Past President and Board Member, University of Windsor Alumni Association