

Dr. Erin Walker

BSc, DDS, MBA, LLM (candidate)



PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

RCDSO (2021-Present)

✦ Inquiries, Complaints, and Reports Committee

DOCS Program (UWO) (2007-2015)

✦ Volunteer Part-Time Adjunct Faculty member

UWO Dental Student Society (2007-2008)

✦ Vice President, External Affairs

MedOutreach (UWO) (Summer 2009)

✦ Volunteer expedition to Tanzania

K-W Community Orchestra (1998-2015)

✦ President (2012-2015)

✦ Double Bass/Second Violin player

PERSONAL PROFILE

I grew up in Waterloo, attending Sandowne PS, MacGregor PS, and Waterloo Collegiate Institute. I completed my undergraduate studies at Dalhousie University, majoring in Neuroscience before attending UWO for dental school. While practising full-time, I completed my MBA at Wilfrid Laurier, and am currently working on a Masters degree in Health Law (LLM) at York University.

I practise full-time in St. Clements (Township of Wellesley), where I opened my office in 2012. As my small-town family practice grew, I spent several years working and volunteering in Downtown Kitchener. **I understand the challenges involved in delivering economically sustainable and ethical care to those who need it most, because I face them daily in private practice.**

In my spare time, I am a semi-professional musician who enjoys performing in the orchestra pits of community theatre productions across Southwestern Ontario. I live in West Perth.

ISSUES OF INTEREST

- Passionate about impact of regulatory issues on access-to-care.
 - Committed to collaborative approach between RCDSO and front-line Dentists, emphasising shared goals of delivering high standard of patient care and putting patients first.
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December 1, 2022

Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to you in order to highlight why I would be an excellent RCDSO Councillor for District 7, and to request your vote in the upcoming election.

We are facing unprecedented professional challenges, such as COVID-19 recovery, governance reform initiatives, government-funded dental care programs, and record-high inflation rates and costs. My life as a Dentist and practice owner, combined with my MBA and ongoing LLM studies in Health Law comprise a diverse background that is unique and effective in navigating challenges from both chairside and at administrative levels.

My past experience as an RCDSO Committee Member (ICRC), combined with my everyday experiences on the frontlines of dentistry make me the ideal person to advocate for functional, evidence-based goals and strategies that put patients first. I understand how things work in the dental office and at the regulatory level, which puts me in an ideal position to negotiate policies that are effective and appropriate in enabling us to provide our patients with the highest level of care.

As front-line dentists, we experience the direct impact of regulatory changes, and we see how these changes directly affect our patients. The RCDSO's mandate is to serve the public interest, and Dentists become healthcare professionals because we share a passion for serving our communities. I believe that we are on a common path toward excellence, and I want to help forge it.

I enjoy coffee and making new friends, so feel free to reach out to me personally or professionally. I welcome contact by phone, text message, email, and Facebook, or would be happy to chat in person.

Thank-you for taking the time to read my letter. I would be grateful for the opportunity to serve as your RCDSO Councillor, and humbly request your support in the upcoming election.

Sincerely,

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