



## Decision Letter

### George Bell Arena Nominating Panel

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#### Appointment of Public Members to the George Bell Arena Board

**Confidential Attachment - Personal matters about identifiable individuals who are being considered for appointment to the George Bell Arena Board.**

#### Panel Decision

The George Bell Arena Nominating Panel recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council appoint the following candidates to the George Bell Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on February 22, 2021, and until successors are appointed:

Vincent Berry  
 Maria Gervasi  
 Brandon Gregory Houser  
 John Lewis  
 Tom Vye

2. Etobicoke York Community Council direct that Confidential Attachments 1, 2 and 3 to the report (January 23, 2017) from the City Clerk remain confidential in their entirety as they relate to personal matters about identifiable individuals being considered for appointment to the George Bell Arena Board.

#### Decision Advice and Other Information

Candidates' biographies:

Vincent Berry

I have been a Torontonians since 1991. I am married and have 3 kids, who play hockey in the GTHL and for the George Bell Titans Bantam Navy Team plus soccer. I have also coached each sport. I am a lawyer and counsel for Romspen Investment Corporation. My expertise is in both public and private real estate companies. I have significant experience working on well managed boards and want to apply my experience to George Bell.

Maria Gervasi

Born, raised and schooled in Etobicoke where I excelled in a number of seasonal sports particularly hockey, soccer and softball at a competitive high level in Provincial Leagues. I also volunteered for a number of years with the Etobicoke Dolphins Girls Hockey League. Now a

resident of Toronto I am still actively involved in the community sports scene playing hockey, softball and golf.

Brandon Gregory Houser

I have practised as a lawyer for nearly 20 years, the last 15 of which as a civil litigator in Toronto in insurance defence. For the past six year, I have managed a busy in-house litigation department for a major insurer, after working the previous nine years in other similar offices. In 2016, after coaching T-ball and Rookie ball the previous three seasons, I added House League Convenor to my resume at the Annette Baseball Association and look forward to coaching Select Rookie ball in 2017.

John Lewis

John Lewis is married with three children, all of whom have played hockey at George Bell Arena. John has lived in the Junction community for over 25 years. He graduated with an honours degree in Business Administration from St. Francis Xavier University and is a graduate of Osgoode Hall Law School. John has extensive experience working with not-for-profit organizations and is currently an International Vice President for a trade union based in the entertainment industry.

Tom Vye

Tom Vye is a senior software development manager with 20 years of software application development/support and management experience. He is also a coach with Annette Baseball, the Etobicoke Dolphins, Etobicoke Girls Softball and the George Bell Hockey Association.

## **Origin**

(January 20, 2017) Report from the City Clerk

## **Summary**

The George Bell Arena Nominating Panel will interview and recommend five candidates to Etobicoke York Community Council for appointment to the George Bell Arena Board.

## **Background Information**

(January 20, 2017) Report from the City Clerk on Appointment of Public Members to the George Bell Arena Board

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2017/xj/bgrd/backgroundfile-100476.pdf>

Confidential Attachment 1 - List of Candidates and Qualifications Summary, and Applications for Appointment to the George Bell Arena Board (previously distributed with XJ4.1)

Confidential Attachment 2 - Confidential Voluntary Diversity Information Summary (previously distributed with XJ4.1)

Confidential Attachment 3 - Interview Schedule for January 30, 2017 (to be circulated under separate cover)