

Appointment of Public Members to the George Bell Arena Board

Date: June 4, 2021

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: City Clerk

Wards: 5

SUMMARY

City Council has authorized the City Clerk to shortlist, interview and recommend candidates to Community Councils for appointment to the George Bell Arena Board. This report recommends five candidates for appointment to the board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk 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 June 23, 2025, and until successors are appointed:

- Vincent Berry
- Maria Gervasi
- Hannah McGregor
- Fana Seife
- Tom Vye

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held May 14, 2019, City Council waived the two-term limit provision of the Public Appointments Policy and appointed three members to the George Bell Arena Board to serve for the term ending April 24, 2023, and until successors are appointed.
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EY5.10>

At its meeting held April 24, 2019, Etobicoke York Community Council appointed two members to the George Bell Arena Board to serve for the term ending April 24, 2023, and until successors are appointed.
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.EY5.10>

At its meeting held December 4, 5, and 13, 2018, City Council authorized the City Clerk to screen, interview and recommend public appointments to the George Bell Arena Board to City Council through the Community Council:
<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CC1.1>

COMMENTS

Composition of the George Bell Arena Board

The board is composed of:

- The Councillor for Ward 5
- 10 public members
- 1 non-voting staff member from the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division

There are currently five positions under consideration

These positions are a result of five public members whose terms ended on February 22, 2021.

Term of office

The term of office for public appointees to the George Bell Arena Board is four years. Members appointed will serve a term of office ending June 23, 2025, and until successors are appointed.

The City Clerk recruits and recommends candidates for Arena Boards to Community Council

City Council has authorized the City Clerk to screen, interview and recommend candidates for the George Bell Arena Board to the Etobicoke York Community Council.

City Clerk's staff conducted outreach to attract qualified individuals specializing in facilities & business management, finance, recreation, and community engagement. To attract qualified candidates, City Clerk's staff promoted the opportunity to various professional and community organizations. Staff also invited individuals with the required qualifications and eligibility to consider applying. Consideration was also given to reflecting gender, diversity, and geographical representation on the George Bell Arena Board.

City Clerk's and Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff shortlisted and interviewed 13 candidates based on the City Council approved qualifications and eligibility criteria. Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff were asked to participate on the panel as subject matter experts and due to their relationship with City Arena Boards. The panel consisted of:

- Operation Supports Officer, Community Recreation, Parks, Forestry & Recreation
- People Services Consultant, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office

The panel determined the candidates by weighing their applications and interview performance.

Staff are recommending five highly qualified candidates for appointment

Parks, Forestry and Recreation and City Clerk's staff are recommending five highly qualified candidates for appointment to the George Bell Arena Board (see Attachment 1). These candidates cover the range of City Council approved qualifications for George Bell Arena Board with the relevant knowledge and experiences.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Recommended Candidates and Biographies for the George Bell Arena Board