

Appointment of Public Members to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board

Date: March 30, 2021
To: North York Community Council
From: Interim City Clerk
Wards: 8

SUMMARY

City Council has authorized the City Clerk to shortlist, interview and recommend candidates to Community Councils for appointment to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board. This report recommends three candidates for appointment to the board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Interim City Clerk recommends that:

1. North York Community Council appoint the following candidates to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on April 20, 2025, and until successors are appointed:

- Melissa Grossman
- Jeffrey Schwartz

2. North York Community Council recommend that City Council waive the two-term limit provision of the Public Appointments Policy and appoint the following candidate to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending April 20, 2023, and until a successor is appointed:

- Neil Linden

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held June 25, 2019, North York Community Council appointed 1 stakeholder representative as the Forest Hill Hockey Association representative to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Arena Board to serve for a term ending June 26, 2023 and until a successor is appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.NY7.43>

At its meeting held May 22, 2019, North York Community Council appointed 3 public members to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Arena Board to serve for a term ending May 22, 2023 and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.NY6.20>

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 Larry Grossman Forest Hill Arena Board to City Council through the Community Council:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.CC1.1>

COMMENTS

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 Larry Grossman Forest Hill Arena Board to the North York Community Council.

City Clerk's staff conducted outreach to attract qualified individuals specializing in facilities & business management, finance, 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 Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena.

City Clerk's staff shortlisted and interviewed 7 candidates based on the City Council approved qualifications and eligibility criteria. Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff were also asked to sit on the panel given their relationship with Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena. The panel consisted of:

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

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

Staff are recommending 3 highly qualified candidates

Parks, Forestry and Recreation and City Clerk's staff are recommending 3 highly qualified candidates for appointment to Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board (see Attachment 1). These candidates cover the range of City Council approved qualifications for Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board with the relevant knowledge and experiences.

These appointments are a result of 3 public members' terms coming to an end on February 22, 2021.

Composition of the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board

The board consists of 9 members and is composed of:

- The Councillor for Ward 8
- 7 public members, one of whom may be nominated by the Forest Hill Hockey Association
- 1 non-voting staff member from the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division

Term of office

The term of office for public appointees to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Arena Board is four years. One public member's term limit is being waived and will serve for a term of office ending April 20, 2023. Two public members will serve a term of office ending April 20, 2025. All members will serve until successors are appointed.

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SIGNATURE

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Interim City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Recommended Candidates and Biographies for the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Arena Board