

Appointment of Public Members to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board

Date: April 28, 2021

To: North York Community Council

From: City Clerk

Wards: 15

SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. North York Community Council appoint the following candidates to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on May 22, 2025, and until successors are appointed:

- Glenn Asano
- Janice Ivory-Smith
- Kathleen Mackenzie
- Jennifer Purves
- Craig Uyeno

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 one member to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board to serve for the term ending June 26, 2023 and until a successor is appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.NY7.45>

At its meeting held May 22, 2019, North York Community Council appointed five members to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board to serve for the term ending May 22, 2023 and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.NY6.21>

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 Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board to City Council through the Community Council:

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

COMMENTS

Composition of the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board

The board consists of 11 members and is composed of:

- The Councillor for Ward 15
- 9 public members
- 1 representative from Infrastructure Ontario to serve for the duration of the loan from Infrastructure Ontario to the City
- 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 two public members who resigned in August and December, 2020, and three public members whose terms ended on February 22, 2021.

Term of office

The term of office for public appointees to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board is four years. Members appointed will serve a term of office ending May 22, 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 Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board to the North 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 Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board.

City Clerk's staff shortlisted and interviewed 8 candidates based on the City Council approved qualifications and eligibility criteria. Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff were asked to participate on the panel given their relationship with Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board. 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 Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board (see Attachment 1). These candidates cover the range of City Council approved qualifications for Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board with the relevant knowledge and experiences.

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SIGNATURE

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City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Recommended Candidates and Biographies for the Leaside Memorial
Community Gardens Arena Board