

Appointment of Public Members to the Moss Park Arena Board

Date: February 5, 2021

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Interim City Clerk

Wards: 13

SUMMARY

City Council has authorized the City Clerk to shortlist, interview and recommend candidates to Community Councils for appointment to the Moss Park Arena Board. This report recommends three candidates for appointment to fill current vacancies on the board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Interim City Clerk recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council appoint the following candidates to the Moss Park Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on February 24, 2025, and until successors are appointed:

- Andrew Marcus
- Benjamin Russell

2. Toronto and East York Community Council appoint the following candidate to the Moss Park Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on June 26, 2023, and until a successor is appointed:

- Shasa Boshoff

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held March 12, 2020, Toronto and East York Community Council appointed 1 public member to the Moss Park Arena Board to serve for the term ending March 12, 2024 and until a successor is appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2020.TE14.62>

At its meeting held June 25, 2019, Toronto and East York Community Council appointed 3 public members to the Moss Park Arena Board to serve for the term ending June 26, 2023 and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.TE7.124>

At its meeting held July 16, 17 & 18, 2019, City Council waived the two-term limit for public appointments and appointed 1 public member to the Moss Park 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.TE7.124>

At its meeting held September 16, 2019, Toronto and East York Community Council appointed 1 public member to the Moss Park Arena Board to serve for the term ending September 16, 2023 and until a successor is appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2019.TE8.58>

At its meeting on December 4, 5, and 13, 2018, City Council amended the Public Appointments process to authorize the City Clerk to shortlist, interview and recommend candidates to Community Councils for appointment to the Moss Park Arena Board:

<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 Moss Park Arena Board to the Toronto and East York Community Council.

City Clerk's staff conducted outreach to attract qualified individuals specializing in facilities & business management, fundraising, 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 Moss Park Arena Board.

City Clerk's staff screened and shortlisted 10 candidates based on the City Council approved qualifications and eligibility criteria, and interviewed the shortlisted candidates.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff were also asked to sit on the panel given their relationship with Moss Park Arena. The panel consisted of:

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

The panel determined the candidate by weighing their application and interview performance using a scoring system.

Staff are recommending 3 highly qualified candidates for appointment to the Moss Park Arena Board.

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

These appointments are a result of 2 public members who resigned in September 2020 and 1 public member whose term ends on February 22, 2021.

Composition of the Moss Park Arena Board

The board consists of 11 members and is composed of:

- The Councillor for Ward 13
- 9 public members
- 1 non-voting staff member from the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division

Term of office

The term of office for public appointees to the Moss Park Arena Board is four years. One public member will complete the term held by the previous member and will serve a term ending June 26, 2023. Two public members will serve a term of office ending February 24, 2025. All members will serve until successors are appointed.

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Interim City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Recommended Candidates and Biographies for the Moss Park Arena Board

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Recommended Candidates and Biographies for the Moss Park Arena Board

Shasa Boshoff

As a fundraising and event professional I have experience in event management, meeting planning, and client relationships. I am excited to support the development of the Moss Park Arena while supporting the arena's programming and diverse community. I look forward to learning about the needs of this space and the needs of the members that utilize this arena. I recognize that there are areas of opportunity, that as a Board member, I look forward to addressing and working on. I am eager to utilize my skills and experience for this amazing opportunity and look forward to joining the Moss Park Arena Board.

Andrew Marcus

An advocate of community involvement, and a long time coach of minor hockey in Toronto, I hope to bring my successful business and leadership experiences to the Moss Park Board. Driving access to ice time for youth and adults, while helping to ensure Moss Park Arena continues to be a valued asset in the community.

Benjamin Russell

I have lived across Canada and the US. After several years of frequent moves my wife and I have recently settled in Toronto and purchased a home in Ward 13, where we hope to remain for many years. As a hockey playing resident I'm looking forward to help maintain the Moss Park Arena as a key part of the community for many years to come.