

Appointment of Public Members to the McCormick Playground Arena Board

Date: March 30, 2021

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Interim City Clerk

Wards: 9

SUMMARY

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

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Interim City Clerk recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council appoint the following candidates to the McCormick Playground Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on April 21, 2025, and until successors are appointed:

- Akim Aliu
- Regina Azevedo
- Julie Hoang Nguyen
- Patrick Rettig

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held June 25, 2019, Toronto and East York Community Council appointed four members to the McCormick Playground 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.TE7.113>

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 McCormick Playground Arena Board to City Council through the Community Council:

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

At its meeting held April 4, 2018, Toronto and East York Community Council appointed one member to the McCormick Playground Arena Board to serve for the term ending February 22, 2021 and until successors are appointed:

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2018.TE31.94>

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 McCormick Playground 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, 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 the McCormick Playground Arena Board.

City Clerk's staff shortlisted and interviewed 6 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 McCormick Playground Arena. The panel consisted of:

- Supervisor, Community Recreation-Facilities, 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 4 highly qualified candidates for appointment

Parks, Forestry and Recreation and City Clerk's staff are recommending 4 highly qualified candidates for appointment to McCormick Playground Arena Board (see Attachment 1). These candidates cover the range of City Council approved qualifications for McCormick Playground Arena Board with the relevant knowledge and experiences.

These appointments are a result of 1 public member who resigned in October 2020 and 3 public members whose terms ended on February 22, 2021.

Composition of the McCormick Playground Arena Board

The board consists of 11 members and is composed of:

- The Councillor for Ward 9
- 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 McCormick Playground Arena Board is four years. Members appointed will serve a term of office ending April 21, 2025, and until successors are appointed.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Recommended Candidates and Biographies for the McCormick Playground Arena Board