

Appointment of Public Members to the William H. (Bill) Bolton Arena Board

Date: April 28, 2021
To: Toronto and East York Community Council
From: City Clerk
Wards: 11

SUMMARY

City Council has authorized the City Clerk to shortlist, interview and recommend candidates to Community Councils for appointment to the William H. (Bill) Bolton Arena Board. This report recommends five candidates for appointment to the board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. Toronto and East York Community Council appoint the following candidates to the William H. (Bill) Bolton Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on May 20, 2025, and until successors are appointed:

- Craig Cameron
- Peter Diaz
- Brittney Grundy
- Michael Kane
- Stephen Longstaff

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held April 24, 2019, Toronto and East York Community Council appointed five members to the William H. (Bill) Bolton 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.TE5.77>

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 William H. (Bill) Bolton Arena Board to City Council through the Community Council:

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

COMMENTS

Composition of the William H. (Bill) Bolton Arena Board

The board consists of 11 members and is composed of:

- The Councillor for Ward 11
- 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 two public members who resigned in February 2021, and three public members whose terms ended on February 22, 2021.

Term of office

The term of office for public appointees to the William H. (Bill) Bolton Arena Board is four years. Members appointed will serve a term of office ending May 20, 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 William H. (Bill) Bolton 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, 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 William H. (Bill) Bolton Arena Board.

City Clerk's staff shortlisted and interviewed seven 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 William H. (Bill) Bolton 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 William H. (Bill) Bolton Arena Board (see Attachment 1). These candidates cover the range of City Council approved qualifications for William H. (Bill) Bolton Arena Board with the relevant knowledge and experiences.

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City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Recommended Candidates and Biographies for the William H. (Bill) Bolton Arena Board

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Recommended Candidates and Biographies for the William H. (Bill) Bolton Arena Board

Craig Cameron

Craig is a client insights and research professional with a major financial institution in downtown Toronto. He believes that community arenas and meeting spaces such as Bill Bolton Arena are vital to the health of the community, and has benefited from the programming as both a player and a parent. Craig is committed to using his experience with fund-raising and his skills as a facilitator to ensure that the arena and board continue to serve the surrounding community's interests. He has previously served as a board member and Chair of Wychwood Open Door Drop-In Centre and is the current Chair of the Bill Bolton Arena board of management.

Peter Diaz

Peter Diaz is very knowledgeable about the programming offered at Bill Bolton Arena, as both a parent of a participant and as a participant himself in adult and community programming. Since moving into the neighbourhood in 2007, he has been active in his community as a member of the Seaton Village Residents' Association, with a special interest in Vermont Square Park and neighbourhood safety, and as a contributing member of the Palmerston Public School Council.

Brittney Grundy

Brittney is a business operations professional with a non-profit based in Toronto. Growing up playing hockey and baseball, she understands the value of community and public spaces and how they positively impact those that have equal access to them. She is committed to using her experience in fundraising, event planning, and project management to ensure community needs are met and more community members can access all that Bill Bolton Arena has to offer.

Michael Kane

I have a tremendous amount of respect for the “have fun” culture of Bill Bolton Arena. I’m quite familiar with most programs run at the arena, having had two children, soon to be three, learn to skate and play house league for the past 6 years. I also play in the Tuesday night men’s league. I feel that my active participation as a parent volunteer, player, local resident, combined with a career in investment management, will provide a prudent and representative voice of our community.

Stephen Longstaff

Stephen Longstaff has spent more than 35 years teaching and writing on social history at York University. Prior to that he spent 7 years working for the Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism in Ottawa, where he headed up one of its major in-house studies. Raised in Toronto, he has a B.A. from McGill and a Ph.D. from the Univ. of California, Berkeley, where he was a visiting scholar in 1997-98. Still active in a limited way at York, he retains the title of Professor Emeritus & Senior Scholar.