

Appointment of Public Members to the George Bell Arena Board

Date: February 7, 2023

To: Etobicoke York Community Council

From: City Clerk

Wards: Ward 5

SUMMARY

This report recommends the appointment of five public members to the George Bell Arena Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The City Clerk recommends that:

1. Etobicoke York Community Council appoint the following three candidates to the George Bell Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on June 23, 2025, and until successors are appointed:

- Michael Casey
- Wendell Noel
- Charlene Patfield

2. Etobicoke York Community Council appoint the following two candidates to the George Bell Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on February 28, 2027, and until successors are appointed:

- Andrew Burnell
- Tanya Connors

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held on April 19, 2022, Etobicoke York Community Council appointed one member to the George Bell Arena Board to serve for the term ending June 23, 2025 and until successors are appointed.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.EY31.20>

At its meeting held on June 22, 2021, Etobicoke York Community Council appointed five members to the George Bell Arena Board to serve for the term ending June 23, 2025 and until successors are appointed.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.EY25.31>

At its meeting held on May 14, 2019, City Council waived the two-term limit provision of the Public Appointments Policy and appointed three members to the George Bell Arena Board to serve for the term ending April 24, 2023, and until successors are appointed.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2019.EY5.10>

At its meeting held on April 24, 2019, Etobicoke York Community Council appointed two members to the George Bell Arena Board to serve for the term ending April 24, 2023, and until successors are appointed.

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2019.EY5.10>

COMMENTS

Composition of the George Bell Arena Board

The board is composed of:

- The Councillor for Ward 5
- 10 public members
- 1 non-voting staff member from the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division

There are currently five positions under consideration

There are currently five vacant position on the board which are under consideration. These positions are the result of previous board members:

- Fana Seife on June 9, 2022;
- Vincent Berry on June 29, 2022;
- Tom Vye on December 21, 2022;
- Bruce Tokiwa on December 21, 2022; and
- Deirdre Norman on December 23, 2022

Term of office

The term of office for public appointees to the George Bell Arena Board is generally four years. However, in order to maintain staggered terms on the board, members appointed to fill vacancies should complete the terms previously held by former members if more than two years remain in that term office. Of the five members that will be nominated through this process:

- Three will serve a two-year term of office ending June 23, 2025, and until successors are appointed;
- Two will serve a four-year term of office ending February 28 2027, and until successors are appointed.

The City Clerk recruits candidates for Arena Boards and makes recommendations to Community Council

City Council has authorized the City Clerk to screen, interview and recommend candidates for the George Bell Arena Board to the Etobicoke York Community Council.

City Clerk's staff conducted outreach to attract qualified individuals with relevant skills and qualifications. City Clerk's staff promoted the opportunity using social media and volunteer search websites. Consideration was also given to reflecting gender, diversity, and geographical representation on the George Bell Arena Board.

Staff from the City Clerk's Office and Parks, Forestry and Recreation shortlisted and interviewed candidates based on the City Council approved qualifications and eligibility criteria. Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff were asked to participate on the panel as subject matter experts in community recreation programs and services.

The panel consisted of:

- Operation Support Officer, Community Recreation, Parks, Forestry & Recreation
- Acting People Services Consultant, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office

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

Staff are recommending five highly qualified candidates for appointment

Staff from Parks, Forestry and Recreation and City Clerk's Office are recommending five highly qualified candidates for appointment to the George Bell Arena Board (see Attachment 1). These candidates cover a range of City Council approved qualifications for the George Bell Arena Board with the relevant knowledge and experience to support the board's mandate.

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SIGNATURE

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City Clerk

ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Names and Biographies of the Candidates Recommended for
Appointment to the George Bell Arena Board