

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

Date: April 26, 2023
To: North York Community Council
From: City Clerk
Wards: Ward 15

SUMMARY

This report recommends the appointment of two public members to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena 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 from May 24, 2023 to May 16, 2027, and until successors are appointed:

- Matthew Baker
- Caroline Uyeno

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held June 8, 2022, North York Community Council appointed three members to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board for a term of office ending June 29, 2026 and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2022.NY33.27>

At its meeting held May 21, 2021, North York Community Council appointed five members to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board for a term of office ending May 22, 2025 and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.NY24.21>

At its meeting held June 25, 2019, North York Community Council appointed one member to the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board for a term of office ending June 26, 2023 and until a successor is appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.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 for a term of office ending May 22, 2023 and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2019.NY6.21>

COMMENTS

Composition of the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board

The board 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 two positions under consideration

These positions are currently held by public members whose terms end on May 23, 2023, and until successors are appointed.

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 16, 2027, 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 with relevant skills and qualifications. City Clerk's staff promoted the opportunity using social media and

volunteer search websites. 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.

Staff from the City Clerk's Office and Parks, Forestry and Recreation shortlisted and interviewed 5 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 due to their relationship with Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board.

The panel consisted of:

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

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

Staff are recommending two highly qualified candidates for appointment

Staff from Parks, Forestry and Recreation and City Clerk's Office are recommending two 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 the 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 – Names and Biographies of Recommended Candidates for the Leaside Memorial Community Gardens Arena Board