

## **Appointment of Public Members to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board**

**Date:** August 17, 2023  
**To:** North York Community Council  
**From:** City Clerk  
**Wards:** 8

### **SUMMARY**

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This report recommends five candidates for appointment to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The City Clerk recommends that:

1. North York Community Council appoint the following candidates to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending on September 7, 2027, and until successors are appointed:

- Ray Abramson
- Gary Cilevitz, Forest Hill Hockey Association
- Neil Greenbaum
- Adam Nathanson

2. North York Community Council recommend that City Council waive the two-term limit provision of the Public Appointments Policy and appoint the following candidate to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending September 7, 2027, and until a successor is appointed:

- Jaimie Grossman

### **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## DECISION HISTORY

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At its meeting held April 20, 2021, North York Community Council appointed two public members to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending April 20, 2025 and until successors are appointed, and recommended that City Council waive the two-term limit provision of the Public Appointments Policy and appoint one public member to the Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending April 20, 2023, and until a successor is appointed: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.NY23.27>

At its meeting held June 25, 2019, North York Community Council appointed Gary Cilevitz as the Forest Hill Hockey Association representative to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, 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.NY7.43>

At its meeting held May 22, 2019, North York Community Council appointed 3 public members to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending May 22, 2023 and until successors are appointed: <https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2019.NY6.20>

## COMMENTS

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### **Composition of the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena Board**

The board consists of 9 members and is composed of:

- The Councillor for Ward 8
- 7 public members, one of whom may be nominated by the Forest Hill Hockey Association
- 1 non-voting staff member from the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division

### **There are currently five positions under consideration**

There are currently five positions on this board under consideration in this process:

- The term of office for Neil Linden came to an end on April 20, 2023
- The term of office for Neil Greenbaum, Jaimie Grossman, and Adam Nathanson came to an end on May 22, 2023
- The term of the stakeholder representative from the Forest Hill Hockey Association, Gary Cilevitz, came to an end on June 26, 2023.

All members continue to serve until successors are appointed.

## **Term of office**

The term of office for public appointees to the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Arena Board is four years. All of the candidates being recommended for appointment through this current process will serve a term of office ending September 7, 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 Larry Grossman Forest Hill Arena Board to the North York Community Council.

City Clerk's staff conducted outreach to attract diverse, qualified individuals with experience in such fields as facilities & business management, finance, and community engagement. City Clerk's staff promoted the opportunity to various professional and community organizations and invited individuals with the required qualifications and eligibility to consider applying.

City Clerk's staff shortlisted and interviewed 5 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 familiarity with the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Memorial Arena and community recreation programs and services in Toronto. 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 considering their applications, their interview performance, and the different perspectives and representation that each could bring to the board.

## **Staff are recommending five highly qualified candidates**

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

## **CONTACT**

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## **SIGNATURE**

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City Clerk

## **ATTACHMENTS**

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Attachment 1 – Recommended Candidates and Biographies for the Larry Grossman Forest Hill Arena Board