

Appointment of Public Members to the McCormick Playground Arena Board

Date: June 20, 2023

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: City Clerk

Wards: 9

SUMMARY

This report recommends six candidates for appointment to the McCormick Playground Arena Board.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The 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 June 22, 2027, and until successors are appointed:

- Cory Cook
- Heather Cunningham
- Violeta Dunning
- Moussa Ferzoli
- Hudson Manning
- Paul Romain

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

DECISION HISTORY

At its meeting held April 21, 2021, Toronto and East York Community Council appointed four members to the McCormick Playground Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending April 21, 2025, and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2021.TE24.72>

At its meeting held June 25, 2019, Toronto and East York Community Council appointed four members to the McCormick Playground Arena Board, at pleasure of Council, for a term of office ending June 26, 2023 and until successors are appointed:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.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:

<https://secure.toronto.ca/council/agenda-item.do?item=2018.TE31.94>

COMMENTS

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

There are currently six positions under consideration

Four positions are the result of four current members' terms ending on June 26, 2023, though members continue to serve until successors are appointed. Two positions are the result of the resignations of Thomas Timmins on October 25, 2022 and Akim Aliu on November 30, 2022.

Term of office

The term of office for public appointees to the McCormick Playground Arena Board is four years. Members appointed through this current process will serve a term of office ending June 26, 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 McCormick Playground Arena Board to the Toronto and East 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, ability and geographic representation on the board.

City Clerk's staff shortlisted and interviewed 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:

- Operation Support Officer, Community Recreation, Parks, Forestry & Recreation
- Project Manager, Public Appointments, City Clerk's Office

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

Staff are recommending six candidates for appointment

Parks, Forestry and Recreation and City Clerk's staff are recommending 6 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.

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SIGNATURE

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ATTACHMENTS

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