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To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the June 18, 2024 Executive Committee meeting on item 2024.EX15.5, Moss Park Arena -Governance and Operational Review

I understand that my comments and the personal information in this email will form part of the public record and that my name will be listed as a correspondent on agendas and minutes of City Council or its committees. Also, I understand that agendas and minutes are posted online and my name may be indexed by search engines like Google.

Comments: I live in Cabbagetown at 383 Sackville St. and have worked as a lawyer in a law firm on Carlton Street since 1982. I was a member of the Cabbagetown BIA Board from 1988 to 2018 and Chair of the Board from 1998 to 2018. My involvement at Moss Park Arena in 1987 when my oldest son turned 4 and I signed him up for the Saturday House League Hockey Program at Moss Park. The program is totally free and kids who cannot afford equipment are completely outfitted thanks to generous donations from sponsors, including rink users. The Moss Park Board of Management has always provided the ice from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturdays from mid-September to mid-April. I have coached in the Morning League which is for boys and girls between the ages of 4 and 11. We have a 3-line system and change on the buzzer. It is almost like having 3 games in one as the skill levels between the lines is huge. I began coaching at Moss in 1989 and I am still coaching the Morning League. For the past 20 years I have coached with my wife Gina Dineen as my assistant. Prior to that I coached with my daughter Hayley and before that with a variety of volunteers. My 3 boys have all referred in both the morning and afternoon Leagues. I have also coached A, AA and AA hockey in Toronto. The pure joy and excitement of the kids at Moss is truly special and keeps me coming back. The kids we coach come from all over the world. We have had kids from Vietnam, Somalia, Afghanistan and Nigeria. They learn to skate in a program that we have for beginners, regardless of age, and then they graduate to the Morning League and then the Afternoon League as their skills develop.

In addition to coaching at Moss Park I was a member of the Board of Management from 1990 to 2017 and Chair of the Board for 17 years. I am strongly of the opinion that Boards of Management foster community involvement whether we are talking about BIAs or Rinks. I think the City would be wise to increase the use of Boards of Management to assist in managing Community Centres and Parks. Subsequent to Amalgamation PFR wanted to eliminate Boards of Management for the Rinks and following a couple of years of

consultations it was agreed that there was no good reason to eliminate Boards of Management as they were effectively managing the rinks that had Boards of Management

In the event that the Executive Committee is considering terminating the Moss Park Board of Management, I would ask that prior to moving forward there be some consultation as I believe that there is a strong case for maintaining the Moss Park board of Management.

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